

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The Salaries Commission

TO Government servants generally, chief interest in the new Salaries Commission which has now begun its work is whether it will find itself able to recommend an upward revision of salaries. Yet an equally important part of the question of whether all or any of the current high cost of living allowances should be consolidated into basic wages. It has now been firmly established that no substantial fall in the cost of living can be expected to Hongkong, or for that matter anywhere else. This, in fact, has long been recognised and accepted by many of the Colony's leading business houses which have already brought into effect consolidation of basic salaries and HCL. It is a realistic policy in the light of existing conditions, and to employees it possesses advantages other than guaranteeing a stabilised income. It means also that where provident funds exist as part of employment conditions, the worker is saving more and having more saved for him. It means also that he can budget with more confidence each month. And it is psychologically important in that the worker feels that what he receives is a valuation of his services and not part salary and part charity.

A THIRD important term of reference for the Commission relates to the question of entry salaries. It is well known that Government has experienced great difficulty in attracting to the service professional men with the best qualifications, almost entirely because starting salaries are inadequate. With its expanding Public Works programme and other undertakings it is necessary that Government should have the services of fully qualified young men, but it cannot be expected these will be forthcoming if terms of employment are anything less than the minimum which present day conditions demand. And as Professor Priestley recently emphasised, the same applies to the teaching profession. The Colony possesses a splendid Public Service, but given more realistic and attractive employment conditions, it would become even more efficient and valuable.

## French Communist Official Arrested

### PLOTTING AGAINST STATE CHARGE

Paris, Nov. 22.

The police tonight announced the arrest of Benoit Frachon, Secretary-General of the Communist-dominated CGT labour union, on charges of plotting against the security of the nation.

The 61-year-old veteran Communist and labour leader went into hiding after the legal authorities issued a warrant against him last year. He was arrested after making a public speech to the Congress of the Seine Department CGT section in Paris.

Delegates cheered when he made his first public appearance in months at the Adbobly Hall. He delivered a speech and then watched the remainder of the session.

Police waiting around the hall seized him afterwards. Details of the arrest were not disclosed immediately.

### Search For Child Killer

Tokyo, Nov. 22.

United States Army officials said today that nine-year-old Susan Rothchild, whose mysterious death yesterday touched off a wide investigation, died as the result of strangulation.

Bruiases and scratches around the neck indicated that no instrument was used, a spokesman said, and autopsy revealed there was no evidence of attempted rape, an official spokesman said.

The child was found gagged and lying face down in a shallow drainage ditch two blocks from her home last night by her father, Colonel Jacques H. Rothchild of Chicago.

Although Susan was lying face down "in several inches of water" an official Army announcement said, "death was not attributed to drowning." The autopsy revealed "numerous bruises and scratches around the face" and neck, which indicated no instrument for strangulation was used, the Army said.

The girl was partially nude, with a gag stuffed in her mouth, when found, military officials reported. The child died a few minutes after her anguished father, an Army chemical officer, found her lying in a ditch near their home in a US Army housing area about 30 miles southwest of Tokyo.—United Press.

### Tribesmen Poison Water Supplies

Calcutta, Nov. 22.

Primitive Tagin tribesmen from the hill country on the Assam-Burma have poisoned all water supplies in the area through which Indian Government forces are about to march against them, it was learned here today.

Tagins ambushed and attacked a Government military party sent into the Abor hills last October to quell tribal feuds. Survivors of the massacre were kept as hostages by the tribesmen who demanded long knives and cloth as ransom.

A punitive expedition was despatched and at the same time the Indian Government began negotiations for release of the captives.

The deadline expired today and a full-scale military operation against the tribesmen is expected to begin tomorrow. Reports today from Jorhat, a headquarters town in Assam, said that the release of the captives was dependent entirely on the tribe's womenfolk. Custom demands that women and not men should carry out negotiations with the "enemy" regarding the release or death of slaves and hostages.

**RITUAL CEREMONY**  
The women are reported to be holding a "robang"—a tribal ritual ceremony upon the outcome of which will depend the fate of the captives.

In the meanwhile thousands of leaflets have been dropped into the area by Indian Air Force planes calling upon the Tagins to release their hostages and give up their arms, ammunition and equipment, and bodies of their murdered victims by noon today.

The leaflets warned that if the instructions are ignored the hostile villages will be bombed out of existence by the Indian Air Force.

The Indian Government at New Delhi today denied placing at the disposal of the North-East Frontier Agency—within whose jurisdiction the Abor hills are located—a large sum of money to be used in connection with the ransom demanded by the tribesmen.

It was officially stated that reports suggesting this had been done in order to placate the tribesmen and thus secure release of the hostages were untrue.—Reuter.

### TITO ELECTED

Belgrade, Nov. 23.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said today Marshal Tito was elected in his Belgrade constituency with 34,768 votes out of 35,575 votes cast, of which 807 have been invalidated.—Reuter.

### Quake Shakes Town

Murcia, Spain, Nov. 22.

The population of Murcia today ran into the streets in terror as on earth tremor shook the town and caused the bells in the cathedral to ring out. The tremor, which lasted for only three seconds, was the first to occur here since May 20, 1952.—France-Press.

### Smog Afflicts US East Coast Residents

New York, Nov. 22.

East Coast residents were sneezing and coughing their way through their sixth straight day of smog today.

The industrial fumes and fog which, until yesterday, had been called a "smog" or mixture of haze and soot has not thickened as industrial plants pour out gases and fumes, and the warm air at higher levels prevents the fumes from rising.

At least two deaths and 32 traffic injuries over the weekend have been directly blamed on the smog, which has forced cars to check their speed on the highways.

The Weather Bureau reported that no relief was due for the area until about Tuesday, but there were some indications that the situation was softening when the first aeroplane landed at Idlewild International Airport shortly after noon.

The smog has caused widespread coughing and sneezing, irritated throats and watering, smarting eyes, but the threat to hearts has not approached that experienced in London during the five-day smog in December, 1952.—United Press.

### Debate Bermuda Conference, Demands Bevan

Rhymney, Wales, Nov. 22.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left-wing Socialists and a former Cabinet minister, said here tonight he hoped Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the Parliamentary opposition, would insist on having a debate in the House of Commons on Monday or Tuesday on the Big Three Bermuda conference.

He said Mr Attlee should not accept the Government's refusal to have a debate.

"We do not want Sir Winston Churchill, in his fragile state of health to go along to Bermuda to meet President Eisenhower in his present harassed condition of mind to discuss these very grave matters with a French representative who may not know at any moment whether he is going to be called home," he said.

"We think we should have an opportunity in the House of Commons of declaring our point of view before that meeting because there are things we want to say on this question."

"Mr Bevan" criticised Britain's arms programme and referred to it as a "crippled burden."

He said that two years ago the generals had predicted that 1953 would be the "year of peril."

"We are now coming to the end of the year of peril, and war has not occurred."

"But we are still carrying an arms expenditure of £1,600,000,000."

"We are getting now strong competition from Germany, the United States and Japan and that looks like becoming stronger then ever and our export trade is languishing."

### HOPELESS HANDICAP

He contended that unless the arms burden was stepped down, Britain's export industries would be hopelessly handicapped and would not be able to compete with other countries.

Mr Bevan also criticised the retention by Britain of 75,000 soldiers in the Suez Canal Zone.

"You must grasp the fact that in a modern world you cannot remain in another people's country unless they are content for you to stay there," he added.

"You cannot stay there safely except with their cooperation and if they do not want you there the sooner you get out the better."

He discovered in India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Mr Bevan contended that if Britain gave up that commitment she could immediately reduce her period of military service by six months and save £70 million a year.

Referring to British Guiana, he declared: "If we are going to live on peaceful terms with many people in many parts of the world, I do not believe, and I do not think you believe, that the British Army and the British Navy ought to be used merely to keep down working class people in intolerable conditions for planters in British Guiana."

### Shock For A Wife

Dusseldorf, Nov. 22.

It took four months for Frau Ernst of Dusseldorf to find out that the man who was living with her was not her husband.

The unhappy predicament was a result of the woman's having forgotten what her real husband looked like since all photographs of him had been destroyed during Allied bombing. The real husband was reported missing on the Russian front during the war.

Arthur Wouder, who became the spurious husband, had recently returned from a prisoners' camp in Russia. He wanted to start life anew, he told the police, and became the spouse of the woman.

Four months later, Frau Ernst stumbled to the fact that the 30-year-old ex-soldier was not her rightful husband.—France-Press.

## Flying Czechs Escape Through Hail Of Bullets

Regensburg, Germany, Nov. 22.

Two anti-Communist Czech youths flew an American Piper Cub plane through a hail of Red bullets from Prague to West Germany today, crashlanded unhurt in a field and asked for political asylum.

The United States Army identified the refugees from Communism as Zdanek Volf, 23, pilot of the tiny plane, and Jirs Wertheim, 24. They told Germans who flocked to the field where they jolted to a halt, in which the carriage and propeller of their plane were damaged, that they had fled to the West for "political reasons."

### ZAHEDI'S PROMISE

Teheran, Nov. 22.

Premier Fazlollah Zahedi told the Iranian people today that he would do his best to get oil flowing to the world markets again and to restore diplomatic relations "with all nations."

General Zahedi, in a broadcast marking completion of his three months in office, emphasised that Iran's oil would remain nationalised. And he did not specifically mention Britain, with which diplomatic relations were broken off after former Premier Mohammed Mossadeq nationalised the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

General Zahedi said that Mossadeq, now on trial for treason, "pursued a wrong policy, which led to the closing down of the oil industry" and Iran lost 4,000,000,000 rials of income as a result, as well as allowing its oil refineries to fall into disrepair.

"The Iranian people did not nationalise their oil industry to create another burden on their finances but to benefit from its income," he said. "I hope, with the support of the brave Iranian nation, to preserve this God-given treasure, to use it properly and export its products according to existing (nationalisation) laws."

General Zahedi said one of his most urgent plans was the "strengthening of diplomatic relations with all nations on a basis of mutual respect."

He said that, during the Mossadeq regime, Iran's huge oil refineries and installations were practically rendered inoperative by lack of spare parts. "Iran must spend at least 6,000,000,000 rials in order to rehabilitate the refineries," he said.—United Press.

### MEN KNIFED BY AMERICAN NEGRO

Munich, Nov. 22.

An American Negro soldier tonight knifed several men waiting for a bus here.

The police explanation for his act, according to the West German news agency, was that the soldier became angry when one of the men shone a light insistently on the face of the young German girl who was with the Negro.—France-Press.

He continued: "It is perfectly reasonable and we will have to say in this island in stronger and stronger terms that the United States will have to turn her back on China, Korea, Japan, the Chinese Nationalist Government and admit the revolutionary Government of China."

"It is now becoming undeniable. It is time the people of Great Britain started to talk more straightly to the United States on all these matters."

"I am not saying this because I am anti-American, I am not anti-Russian either. There are very large numbers of people in the United States who think the same way that we do. But the fact is that Great Britain has not been exerting sufficient leverage on American policy and unless we do, we will find ourselves drifting further and further towards a third world war."

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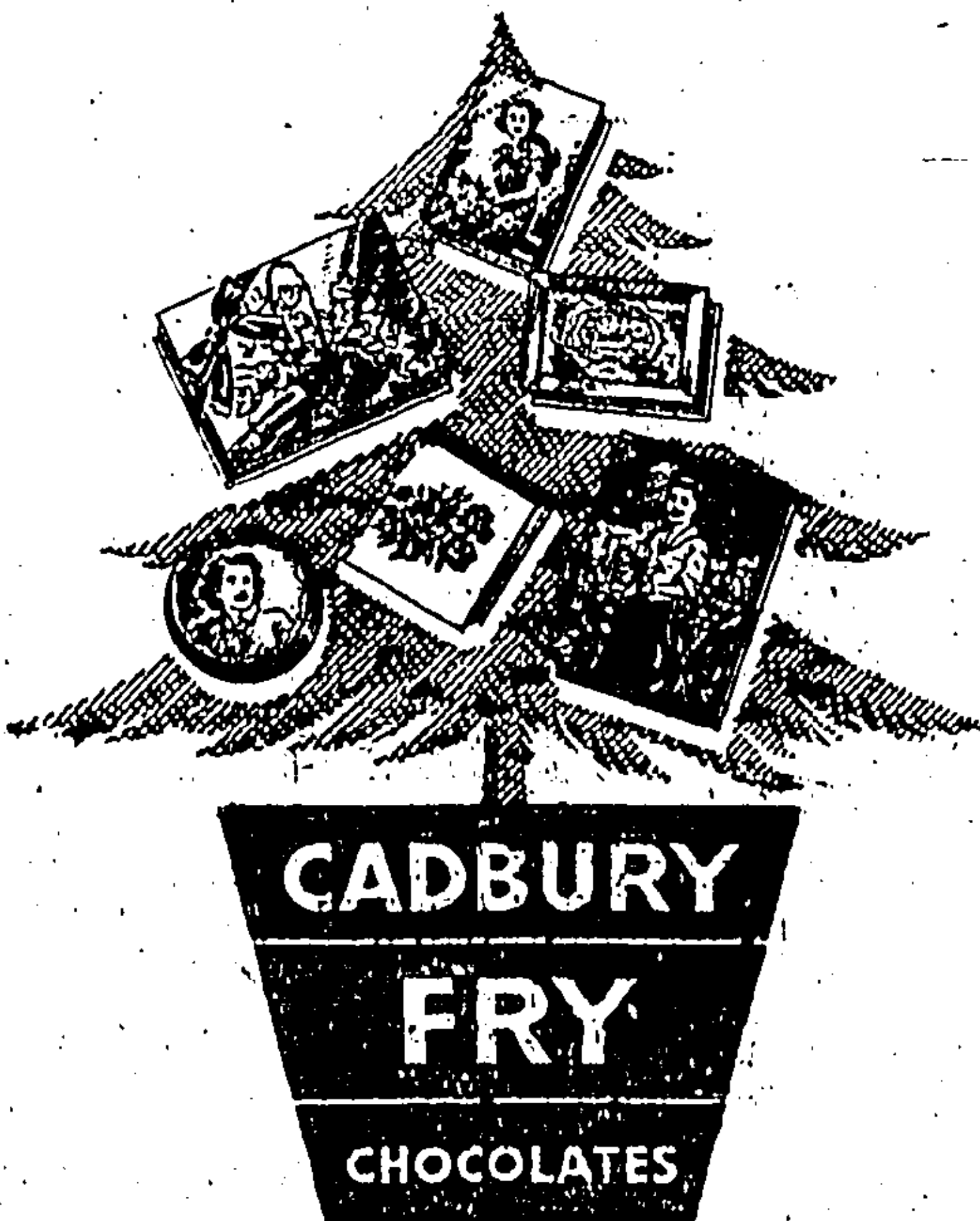
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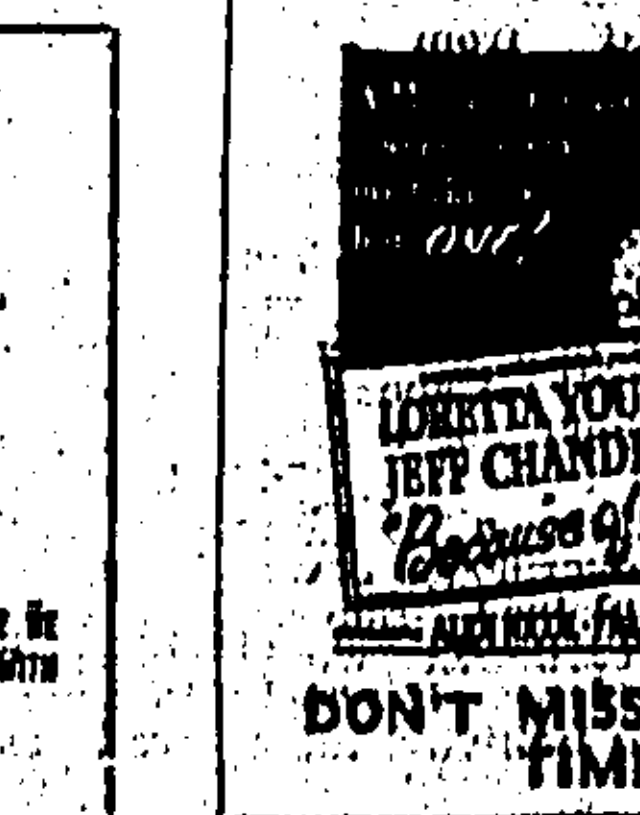
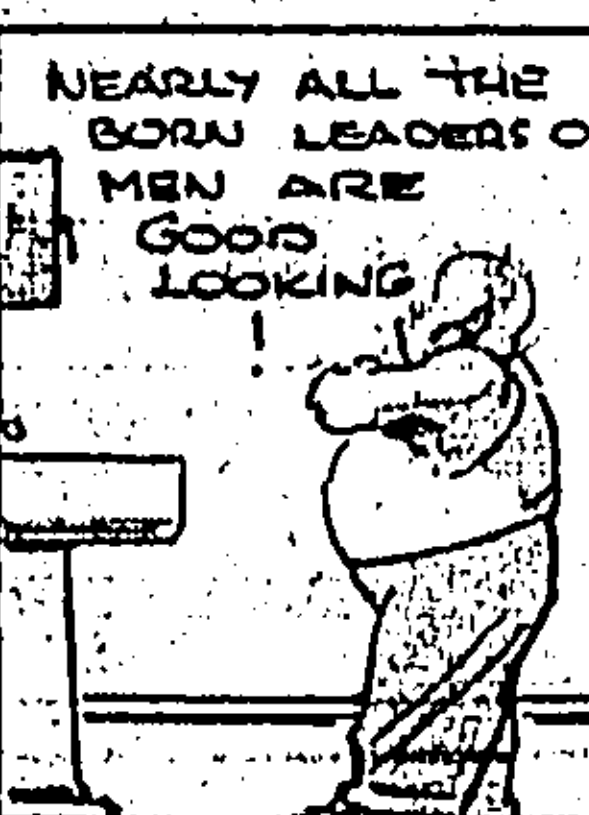
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# Yugoslavs Go To First Secret Ballot—With One Man To Vote For

Belgrade, Nov. 22. Yugoslavs went to the polls in warm sunny weather today in the first general election in which they have ever voted in secret with ballot papers.

## Soviet Bid For Japanese Friendship

Moscow, Nov. 22. Five Japanese Red Cross delegates are leaving Moscow on Monday to visit a group of Japanese war prisoners.

The delegation emphasises they have received every courtesy from the Russians in an almost month-long stay in Moscow.

The delegation does not know yet which Japanese they will see, though a group they are visiting is believed unlikely to be among 1,274 due for repatriation next Saturday.

All repatriates have already been concentrated at Nakhodka Port near Vladivostok.

The delegation will return to Moscow next Wednesday to await an answer from the Soviet Red Cross to the inquiry how many Japanese civilian criminals will remain in the Soviet Union after the initial repatriation.

A Soviet concession allowing the Japanese to visit a camp is regarded in Moscow as evidence of Soviet desire for normalisation of relations with Japan.

The Red Cross delegation's cordial treatment is also taken as an indication of Russia's desire for friendly relations.

While the Japanese Red Cross delegation has been in Moscow, the Soviet press carried a number of articles dealing with Japan.

But the Japanese Government has been seldom criticised: attacks have been reserved for the Americans who, according to the Soviet press, are "inflicting Japan's rearmament and a revival of her militarist army."

Basically the Soviet press has been drawing the conclusion that the United States is responsible for all Japan's troubles and driving her towards militarism.

Diplomatic observers consider that all indications are that the Soviet Union is anxious to cultivate Japanese friendship but the Japanese Red Cross delegates, who apparently are here in the most favourable atmosphere, it is understood, are not planning to make any political contacts.

—Reuters.

## Unjust And Utter Folly

Ploemmaritzburg, Nov. 22. The Anglican Bishop of Natal, the Rt. Rev. Inman, said today that if the new South African native education act resulted in African education being inferior to European education, it would be "unjust and in the long run utter folly."

The Union Government recently transferred control of African education from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Native Affairs.

The Bishop told the Centenary Synod of the Natal Diocese the main objection to the act was that while education was to mean one thing for the European it was to mean something else for the African.

"This can only result in African education being something less than European education," he said. "If such is seen to be the case, then we must say it is unjust and in the long run utter folly."

He added: "Only those whose eyes are blinded by the worship of the idol of apartheid (segregation) can subscribe to such a point of view. I certainly cannot." —China Mail Special.

Paris, Nov. 22. Nine models of Christian Dior, well-known Paris fashion designer, tonight left here by plane for Tokyo where they will show Dior's latest creations.

The nine girls are understood to be carrying their luggage about two-thirds of the famous couturier's winter collection.

—France-Press.

But in most constituencies, only one candidate was up for election, supported by the Government mass organisation, the Socialist Alliance.

President Tito voted at 9 a.m. local time in the Belgrade constituency in which he was sole candidate. Dressed in civilian clothes, he was accompanied by the Serbian Premier, Mr. Petar Stambolic, his chief of bodyguard, General M. J. Zecelj, and Madame Jovanka Tito.

Up for election were 200 candidates for 282 seats in the Yugoslav Federal Assembly. Yugoslavs were at the same time electing their representatives to eight regional assemblies.

Candidates had been mostly selected at voters' meetings at which the Socialist Alliance and Communist Party persuaded voters who the most suitable candidate would be.

In the official Yugoslav view, this method is superior to the Western form of democracy in which candidates are "imposed" on the electorate by political parties.

In previous Yugoslav elections voters had to drop a rubber ball into a box in the view of polling station officials, the colour of the ball identified their choice, this time they had to pencil a circle round a serial number opposite the candidate's name, out of sight of polling officials.

In several towns and country stations visited by this correspondent, voters went into an empty room to fill in their ballot paper.

The 40,000 polling stations were open for 12 hours from 7 a.m.

FLAG DAY

Towns and villages were adorned with Yugoslav and red flags. Fewer flags than usual were, however, noted in Topola in Central Serbia, home of the deposed Royal family, the Karađorđević. Topola is overlooked by a big mausoleum which the late King Alexander built for the graves of his ancestors.

A continual stream of peasants, many of them wearing thick sheepskin jerkins and traditional leather sandals, turned up in front like the prow of a ship, filed in to vote and asked officials to explain what they had to do.

Each was given a pink slip with one candidate's name for Yugoslav Assembly and a white slip with one candidate's name for the Serbian Regional Assembly. He then went into the empty room next door, voted with a pencil for the first time in his life, folded the ballot slips in two and dropped them into boxes in the first room in front of the official.

Polling officials said 90 per cent of the population had voted in Topola by 11 a.m. four hours after voting started. They added that illiterate voters presented no difficulties as they were allowed them to be helped by members of their families.

(Belgrade Radio said that by 2 p.m. 95 per cent of the electorate had voted.)

None of the 17 candidates for the Assembly who were not supported by the Socialist Alliance stood in specific opposition to the Government. In the majority of districts, where there was only a Socialist Alliance candidate, voters could record opposition only by spoiling their ballot papers.

NO INCIDENTS

Two hours before the close 83.2 per cent of the electorate had been to the voting stations.

A large number of constituencies reported a hundred per cent vote before midday, according to Banjug, the Yugoslav news agency.

No incidents were reported and first final results are expected during the night.

Belgrade Radio said "it can be said that November 22, 1953, will range among the historical dates of Yugoslavia."

## ADENAUER ADVISES AGAINST SAAR TALKS UNTIL JANUARY

Bonn, Nov. 22.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, will tell the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, this week that no dramatic progress in the Saar talks can be expected until January at least, usually well-informed sources said today.

During this time Dr. Adenauer plans to alter the West German constitution, to remove doubts among Germany's constitutional lawyers about the legality of the European Defence Community treaty and the Bonn conventions.

The sources said that opposition inside Dr. Adenauer's five-party coalition Government to his policy of "Europeanising" the Saar industrial territory had caused the delay in Franco-German agreement on this region.

Their meeting in The Hague this week will be to review work done in Bonn on the proposed talks over the last month by Dr. Adenauer and the French High Commissioner, M. Andre Francois-Poncet.

To carry out his plan to alter the constitution, Dr. Adenauer needs to muster almost every vote among his coalition parties to have the two-thirds majority necessary in both houses of Parliament.

After that he will be free to risk a break with his own supporters by agreeing with France on a European statute for the Saar.

The leader of the "opposition within the coalition" to Dr. Adenauer's Saar policy, is Dr. Thomas Dehler of the Free Democratic Party.

Dr. Dehler and many of his party friends reject the principle, supported by Dr. Adenauer, of detaching the Saar politically from Germany and making it into a European territory.

Dr. Adenauer, in general, has shown himself prepared to go further towards meeting French wishes over the Saar than many of his parliamentary supporters—further even than some of his top Foreign Office advisers.

The points on which agreement is still outstanding in the current Franco-German negotiations concern the economic relationship between France and the Saar where Germany is not prepared to concede as much as France wishes.

The general lines of the Saar's future political status have already been agreed.—Reuters.

Tussaud's Give Thumbs Down

London, Nov. 22.

Madame Tussaud's waxworks museum today turned thumbs down on the kidnappers of Bobby Greenlease as likely horrors for its "Chamber of Horrors".

"We are not interested in criminals merely because their crime was sordid," said a spokesman. "We are interested only in criminals whose trials cause worldwide controversy or concern some significant legal point." —United Press.

## SEARCH FOR BURIED TREASURE

Southampton, Nov. 22.

Two young Britons were fitting out their reboomer today for the lonely Cocos Islands in the Pacific, in search for buried treasure.

Geoffrey Taylor and Daniel Evans say they will set sail early next year in search of a fabulous Peruvian treasure supposedly buried in 1820 by Captain Henry Thompson, an English pirate.

Thompson stole the treasure, including priceless gold and silver chalices and jewelled swords, from the Peruvian government, they said.

These Cocos Islands are not to be confused with their namesake off the northwestern coast of Australia and are located 600 miles southwest of Panama.—United Press.

The Cost Of Superstition

Singapore, Nov. 23.

Superstition cost a Singapore Chinese a fine of \$5200.

Appearing before the Police Magistrate to answer why he did not comply with an order to demolish his hut, Heng Hock Slang told the Court: "My wife was having a child then and according to Chinese superstition no part of the house must be demolished until after the birth."

Heng was fined \$5200. The magistrate told him he could go on believing in superstitions as long as he was prepared to pay for them.—United Press.

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# VIEWS TO BE RECONCILED

First Task Of Big Three At Bermuda Conference

## Uncharted Frontiers In the Atom World

London, Nov. 22. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American atom scientist at Princeton University, broad-casting the second of the six lectures tonight on "Science and the Common Understanding," said that a whole new family of hitherto unknown, unrecognised and unexpected objects began to emerge from the nuclear encounter with the use of modern techniques. He said the first were mesons, and in the last few years there had appeared in increasing variety objects whose properties were only gradually being sketched out "and of which we had surely not seen the end." Physicists called them "the new particles." "We do not know anything about them except that they have taken us to a new level in puzzling out the laws of the sub-atomic world," said Dr. Oppenheimer.

He added, "They are an open frontier, where discovery is as uncharted as it was in the New World in the 15th century, and where we are even less well prepared by our past experience for recognising or even inventively naming what it is that we are finding."

"They are the most recent example in physical science of progressive adaptation of intelligible phenomena and proved invention to creating and exploring new, unknown and wonderfully rich chambers of the house of Nature," Dr. Oppenheimer concluded.—France-Press.

## Toll Of The Road In America

Chicago, Nov. 22. Automobile accidents have killed 400 more persons in the United States this year than last, but the mileage death rate is at an all-time low, according to the National Safety Council.

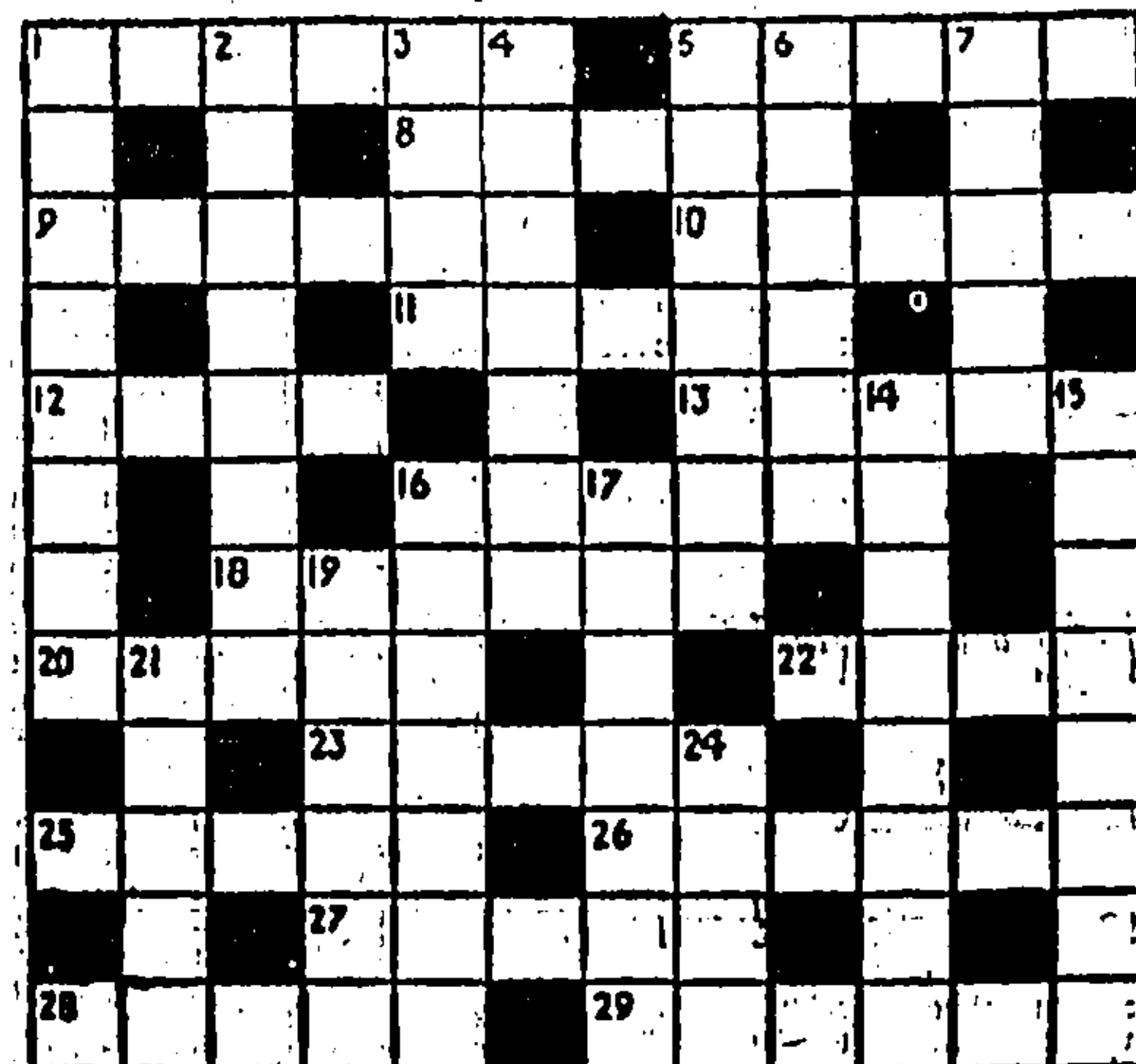
The Council tallied 27,420 traffic deaths in the first nine months of this year.

Despite the 400 additional deaths this year, the Council said the toll is "fairly well stabilised" in the face of a tremendous boom in travel.

Deaths are up one per cent, the Council said, but travel is up seven per cent. Since 1941, deaths are down one per cent but travel is up 67 per cent.

For the first nine months this year, the largest cities with perfect records were Mount Vernon, N.Y., Raleigh, N.C., and Covington, Ky.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Nasty quarrel (6).
  - 5 Articles (5).
  - 8 Ring (5).
  - 9 Write (6).
  - 10 Steps (5).
  - 11 Wild fruit (5).
  - 12 Meat (4).
  - 13 Taut (5).
  - 14 Stupefy (6).
  - 15 Tolerates (6).
  - 16 Decline (5).
  - 20 Part of an animal (4).
  - 23 Purlown (5).
  - 24 Condition (5).
  - 26 Duplicated (6).
  - 27 Commatid (5).
  - 28 Haggard (5).
  - 29 Protect (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Not serious (8).
  - 2 Civic dignitary (8).
  - 3 Deeds (4).
  - 4 Bombarded (7).
  - 5 Force of motion (7).
  - 6 Vexes (6).
  - 7 Encounters (5).
  - 10 Word of denial (8).
  - 14 Blew up (6).
  - 16 Bird (7).
  - 17 Wretched (7).
  - 19 Grant (6).
  - 21 Go in for (5).
  - 24 Learning (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Behold, 5 Excel, 8 Oats, 9 Orator, 11 Snow, 12 Retire, 14 Song, 16 Crave, 18 Inure, 19 Peel, 20 Tender, 24 Swell, 25 Tedium, 26 Even, 27 Etched, 28 Repeat, Down: 1 Boon, 2 Hear, 3 Lout, 4 Daring, 5 Essence, 6 Central, 7 Lowland, 10 Tender, 13 Riposte, 14 Supreme, 16 Nettled, 17 Rated, 19 Punter, 21 Dene, 22 Kilo, 23 Smut.

## Divergent Conceptions Of Purpose Revealed

Washington, Nov. 23.

Statements by United States, British and French spokesmen have revealed divergent conceptions of the purposes of the Big Three conference opening in Bermuda on December 4.

Such differences will presumably have to be ironed out in the opening sessions.

Sir Winston Churchill in the House of Commons on November 16 gave three purposes for the conference:

1. To strengthen Western defences.
2. To reassure the Communist world of the West's peaceful intention.
3. To discuss the best methods and occasions of making easy practical contacts with Communist leaders to reduce world tensions.

## Mystery Of The Shy Redheads

Cleethorpes, Nov. 22. The Mayor and Corporation of this seaside holiday resort are offering £500 in a bid to solve the mystery of the shy redheads.

For years officials have been puzzled by the fact that blondes or brunettes have always won their beauty contests and there has not even been a redhead in the finals.

Now to find out why red-haired girls rarely enter the contests, the town is holding a beauty contest for redheads only—with a £500 prize for the winner who will also be cover girl on the resort's holiday guide.

The town's publicity manager said tonight: "We want redheads of 16 and over to send us photographs of themselves in bathing suits. He will pick the best 20 and pay their expenses to come here for the final."

And publicity managers at three other British resorts, which run bathing beauty contests, said tonight that they could remember no redheads winning their contests.—China Mail Special.

## Lufthansa In The Air Again

Cologne, Nov. 22. The well-known German Lufthansa civil airline company, which has been entirely reorganised, will have 24 planes at its disposal and will be able to start functioning by the middle of next year, according to reliable sources here today.

The sources said that 50 per cent of the planes would be used on inter-continental routes.—France-Press.

Administration leaders here do not accept this clear assumption that it is still within the field of practical politics to discuss "methods and occasions" for a Soviet-Western meeting.

In fact, United States spokesmen have accepted that the Bermuda conference was convened precisely because the Soviet role of November 3 made it clear that it is no longer practicable to seek Soviet-Western talks, that the Soviet leaders do not wish for such talks and that the Western leaders must in consequence make certain long delayed decisions.

United States spokesmen speak of Bermuda primarily as a means of resolving differences among the Western powers themselves.

## COMMON PROBLEMS

When President Eisenhower was asked at his press conference recently what were the main topics or ideas that he intended to discuss at Bermuda, he did not refer to problems with which the Soviet and Western powers are jointly concerned such as the future of Germany and Austria.

He referred specifically to problems common to the United States, France and Britain and said the purpose of the conference was to ensure that the three powers are on common ground in proceeding towards the solution of those problems.

Such problems include the ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty, the establishment of a European Army with German soldiers, the restoration of full sovereignty to West Germany, steps towards a settlement of the Italo-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste, and Franco-German differences over the future of the Saar.

The President also specifically referred to the Korean and Indo-Chinese problems and the attitude of the three powers in Asia.

## CHINA DIVERGENCE

If the Big Three attempt any comprehensive effort to solve what Mr. Eisenhower called causes for friction, it is obvious that they must discuss the divergent policies of Britain and the United States regarding the recognition of the Communist Government of China.

From this basic divergence stem most of the other differences between the Asian policies of the two countries.

French Government spokesmen are the only ones who have defined a specific proposal for consideration at the Bermuda conference.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, said that he

## Pressing For Questioning Of Gouzenko

Washington, Nov. 22. Republican Senator William Jenner, chairman of the Senate Security Investigation Committee, submitted a new request today to the Secretary of State, Mr. Foster Dulles, to ask permission of the Canadian government to authorise the questioning of Igor Gouzenko, it was announced tonight.

Gouzenko, a former employee of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, lives in Canada under another name and under police protection. In 1945 he made disclosures leading to the discovery of a Soviet spy-ring in Canada.

The Canadian government has already twice refused authorisation for Gouzenko to give evidence in the United States on this affair. Senator Jenner said that he now possessed a certified copy of a document signed by Gouzenko. He has forwarded this copy to the Secretary of State and asked him to present it to the Canadian authorities to support his request.—France-Press.

would press at Bermuda for precise guarantees that American and British forces would not be withdrawn from Western Europe.

European Army is established and West Germany is rearm.

United States spokesmen envisaged no commitments being sought or made at Bermuda since the talks will be purely informal and exploratory.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Leader Defends New Constitution

Karachi, Nov. 22.

Pakistan's proposed constitution "reproduces those well known provisions which are accepted by all constitutional theorists," Mr. Allahbakhsh Brohi, the Pakistan Law Minister, said here today.

Mr. Brohi issued a long statement replying to criticisms of the constitutional decisions taken so far by the Constituent Assembly and particularly to remarks of Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, who described the constitution as a "medieval conception."

Mr. Brohi said: "There is a positive provision that ensures the due safeguarding of the personal law of non-Muslims."

On the provision that no Islamic laws be passed, Mr. Brohi said: "All it enjoins is that if any law is passed which is contrary to the holy Koran and Sunnah, it shall to the extent of its repugnance be null and void. From the nature of the case there is a restraint on the powers of the legislature and considering that the next 25 years will be busy with other legislation touching the existing economic structure have been excluded there is very little that remains in the field of possible legislation which could conceivably come in conflict with the holy Koran and Sunnah."

Mr. Brohi said if any particular legislation was repugnant to the Koran as interpreted by any given sect, "that legislation will not bind that sect."

The provision that the head of state must be a Muslim had "symbolic value and is not something to which serious exception can be taken. The more so when it is realised that the head of state has practically no political power, as his actions are controlled by the advice of his Cabinet."

Neither the Prime Minister nor members of the Cabinet are necessarily to be Muslims and as it is the Cabinet which is to be the repository of all political power, the mind in the minority should be at rest on this issue.

The governors of federating units are not necessarily to be Muslims and it is perfectly possible for a non-Muslim to be appointed either governor of a federating unit or member of the Central Cabinet or of the cabinet in a province.

"With this constitutional provision it is not correct to assert that there has been denial of political rights to non-Muslims in Pakistan."

Mr. Brohi said it was not difficult to understand why the head of state must be a Muslim considering Pakistan's historical background and he pointed to several other constitutions where he said "there too religious predilections have been given legislative effect."

He cited, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Greece, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Dealing with the question of joint or separate electorates for minorities, Mr. Brohi said he had conceded that if minorities wanted joint electorates, "it would be wrong in principle and completely opposed to political justice" to deny that right to them.

But he said it had been difficult to reach a conclusion

whether the demand for joint electorates was backed by the minorities or not. "I actually proposed that when elections to the future legislature under the new constitution come to be held, minorities representatives should make their demand for joint electorates, a part of their election manifestos and seek a verdict in their favour."

"The legislature of the future then should in honour bound have to alter the relevant constitutional provisions and concede joint electorates."

Dealing specifically with Mr. Nehru's contention that the constitution was a "medieval conception," Mr. Brohi said, "the antiquity of an idea, creed or doctrine is no argument against its validity."

He stated, "very little need be said" on the suggestion that the proposed constitution was undemocratic. Saying "democracy has never been rigorously defined," Mr. Brohi said the Communist conception differed from the British, French or American while the Athenian democracy had been very different from later democracies.

## MAJORITY PRINCIPLE

Mr. Brohi said the test of a constitution was "the spirit in which the constitution is worked."

"I do not see any single provision on the basis where it could be contended legitimately that an attempt has been made to make the constitution of Pakistan 'undemocratic'." He said the majority of Pakistanis believed that the practice of the prophet Mohammed's gospel would bring "peace, amity and goodwill."

Though "the local minority" did not accept that view, "should the majority principle prevail?"

Mr. Brohi said Mr. Nehru was wrong in saying the constitution proposed to create two classes of citizens. He said the report of the committee on fundamental rights as accepted by the Assembly guaranteed "freedom of conscience and right to profess practice and propagate religious subject to public order and morality" and freedom in management of religious affairs.

No person could be required to receive religious instruction other than of his own community. "These guarantees are not only given in relation to prospective legislation; they override even existing law so that if anything is repugnant to the extent of its repugnance be void. Our proposed constitution provides that every duly qualified citizen is eligible to enter the services of the state irrespective of his religion, caste or place of birth," Mr. Brohi said.—Reuter.



A picture showing Countess Mountbatten with the Princess Tenagwa Worg when she arrived in Addis Ababa a fortnight ago for the official visit by Admiral Earl Mountbatten.—(Central Press).

## Bid For European Political Unity

Paris, Nov. 22. Two British members of Parliament will be in a delegation appointed by the Council of Europe to attend a six-power conference at The Hague on Thursday to discuss a constitution for a European Political Community. It was announced here today.

They are Mr. Alfred Robens, Labour, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power; and Mr. Julian Amery, Conservative, M. Guy, Mollat, Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party, will lead the delegation.—Reuter.

## ISRAEL REJECTS IMPLICATION OF UN RESOLUTION

Jerusalem, Nov. 22.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Dr. David ben Gurion, tonight revealed that his government had officially rejected the charge by the Chief U.N. Truce Observer in Palestine, Danish General Vagn Benilke, that the recent raid on Kibya in Jordan territory was conducted by the Israeli armed forces.

Speaking to the Israeli nation in a radio broadcast, Dr. ben Gurion attacked the United Nations resolution censuring Israel for the attack on Kibya—the resolution was introduced in the Security Council by Britain, the United States and France—and added: "Our women and children will not remain defenceless against assassins who cross over from Jordan or any other Arab state."

The Prime Minister said that the tripartite resolution could only encourage new attacks by armed bands from Jordan or by members of the Arab Legion. No one knew better than Britain which, he added, financed the Arab Legion and supplied its commanding officers, that the Legion and the Jordan government had taken no effective measures to prevent aggression in the form of banditry and killings. Acts of banditry, he continued, during the last four years had cost the lives of hundreds of Israeli citizens.

The Prime Minister said he saw in the tripartite resolution a "clear discrimination between the blood of one people and that of another." To condemn Israel for the Kibya affair, he said, was, in fact, "to approve all killings committed by members of the Arab Legion."

"POLICY OF APPEASEMENT" Dr. ben Gurion said that the Israeli government noted "with astonishment" that the three-power resolution ignored the simple purpose of the United Nations Charter and the primary objective of the armistice agreement—the establishment of peace. He added: "The government of Israel sees in this attitude a serious and disturbing example of the policy of appeasement towards Jordan and other members of the Arab League, which made no secret of their aggressive intentions and which reject peace with Israel."

The state of Israel, said the Premier, considered that its absolute duty was to protect the lives of its citizens and nothing would cause it to hesitate "not even the terms of the draft resolution."

Dr. ben Gurion said that the United Nations authorities had not outlined to the Security Council the "complete story of the bloody tragedy" which had taken place in Israel. He said that it was not clandestine crossings of the lines of demarcation that were involved, but rather guerrilla warfare for which plans had been drawn up or tolerated by the governments of Jordan and the other Arab states.

The Premier concluded by recalling a previous radio statement made on October 19 in which he expressed the grief of his government for the Kibya incident. He added, however, that Israel would take "all legitimate measures in her power to make sure that Jewish lives will not remain unprotected."—France-Press.

## Sir Roderic McGrigor In New Delhi

New Delhi, Nov. 22. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roderic McGrigor, Britain's First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, arrived here today from Agara, 120 miles to the south.

Sir Roderic McGrigor, who will stay three days, is expected to meet the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, tomorrow.

Since November 4, he has been visiting British and Commonwealth naval establishments in the Middle East and Asia and is to return to England on November 26.—Reuter.

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SONATA IN G MINOR	Dvorak-Kreutzer
SLAVONIC DANCE IN E MINOR	Brahms-Jochim
HUNGARIAN DANCE IN A	Stravinsky
RUSSIAN DANCE (FROM PETROVSKA)	De Falla-Kreutzer
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SONATA IN E MINOR	Mozart
SONATA IN A MAJOR	Brahms
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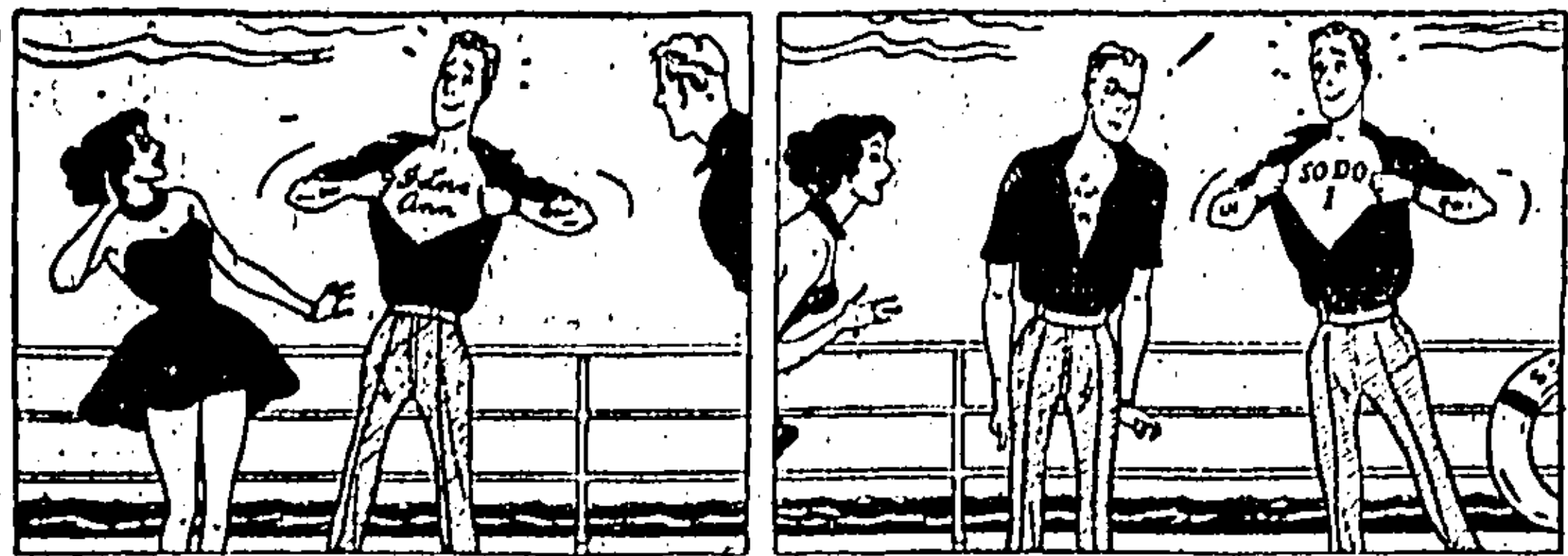




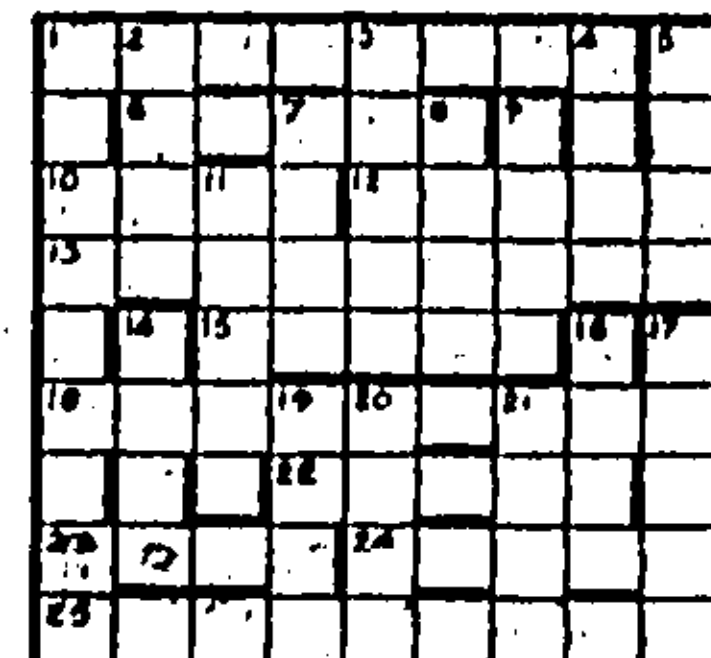


## THE DUFFLE TWINS

by DODD



## CROSSWORD



1. A duck (11) 7. Duffle's queer. (8)  
2. Dial five with a twist—but it's  
quite in order. (13)  
3. The last word in a legal  
setting. (4)  
4. Usually found in front of the  
driver. (10)  
5. I and me are cut out by being  
in line. (6)  
6. Put off—by a warning. (5)  
7. Kind of party game for M.P.  
(9)  
8. Olive tree a penny to buy a  
bird. (12)  
9. However there is a lead of it.  
(14)  
10. Males crippled by fortune's  
desertion. (17)  
11. Places in suit. (19)  
12. You may get a jump in pop  
from eating this. (11)  
13. Other name for a woman's  
outstanding quality. (4)  
14. Over 100 years young going  
beyond this. (3)  
15. Chess (below diagonal). (4)  
16. It must be a metallic telegram.  
(14)  
17. First that gives the English a  
nick-name. (4)  
18. O Ned! That's flattered it. (4)  
19. Fate's nature is a word. (7)  
20. Would a slide describe this  
game? (11)  
21. Over and above. (4)  
22. A window this. (4)  
23. Is under the. (3)  
24. Part of 11 Down. (4)  
25. Cash may have a bit here. (4)  
26. From the full womb of night.  
(11)



SOLUTION  
TO CHECK  
SATURDAY'S  
PUZZLE

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A RUSSIAN newspaper says that a woman who died recently in the Caucasus was 180 years old. Her memory for events of the past was said to be confused towards the end. Thus she said she remembered Wellington riding into Tins after the battle of Austerlitz. "Don't you mean Nelson?" asked a reporter. "Yes," she said. "But he spoke to me about sixty years later and told me he was writing a long book about his victory at the battle of Elba. He was very old and had a thick beard. 'Wasn't that Tolstoy?' they asked. 'Probably,' said she, with a shrug of indifference.

**Important announcement**  
When we say we will take a certain action at a certain time, it does not mean that we will necessarily take that action at that time. It means that the action will not be taken at that time if it is deemed advisable to postpone it until such time as it is deemed advisable to take it. (The Member for Footscray.)

**C. Suet, Esq., is penicillin**  
A PENSIVE look in Suet's eyes lately has been attributed to his thoughts about the elimination of clause 42 from the circular dealing with the disposal of broken steel lings. But Miss Thelma Bodley, his secretary, who remembers her brother's passion for a clockroom attendant's place, is worried. She notices a snick of nervousness with a lumpy and contented one. Four lovelessness in the matter of the out-

## WHAT'S HIS LINE?

ROB K. MCKALE

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

bucket which resulted in the Controller receiving Suet's laundry receipt. She missed the pleasant chatter about registration, and yesterday Suet stirred his tea with his pen, and tried to sign a draft order with his tea-spoon.

**Without comment**  
Temporary coupons for sugar collected up to September 20, 1953, may be sent to the Food Office in the usual way, or, if this is preferred, they may be destroyed by the retailer.  
(Ministry of Food circular.)

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Experts Can Make Bridge Mistakes

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT is pleasant to report a hand in which each side makes the best play at every turn. Unfortunately, however, few hands are played that well even in expert circles. Today's foolishness, for example, took place in a very famous New York club. Everybody in the game was an experienced player, of course, and two of them were well-known experts. The bidding was lawless. South got to a very reasonable contract, and should have made it.

West opened the queen of clubs, holding the trick. If he had then switched to a trump, he could have made sure of defeating the contract. West was afraid, however, that South had the ace of diamonds—in which case it would be vital for the defenders to take all possible tricks in the black suits before giving up the lead.

This was the kind of mistake that an expert might make. There was no way for West to know that South had played strength rather than the ace of diamonds. When West continued with the jack of clubs at the second trick, South should have made his contract. South, however, found a way to make an inexpert mistake. After ruffing the second round of clubs, South led a trump to dummy in order to

NORTH				28
♠ 75				
♥ AK				
♦ KQ843				
♣ K873				
WEST		EAST		
♠ A 1084		♠ J932		
♥ 652		♥ 3		
♦ 95		♦ AJ 106		
♣ QJ 109		♣ A52		
SOUTH (D)				
KQ6				
♥ QJ 109874				
♦ 72				
♣ 4				
North-South vul.				
South	West	North	East	
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass	
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—4 ♣				

lead a spade towards his own hand.  
When South put up the king of spades, West won with the ace and made no further mistakes. He led a second round of trumps, thus clearing out dummy's last trump. Now South had to lose a second spade trick in addition to a diamond and a club.  
South's mistake, of course, is obvious. After ruffing the second round of clubs, South must immediately lead the king of spades. West can take the ace of spades and can lead one trump, but dummy still has a trump to ruff the third round of spades.

## CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:  
East 1 ♦, South West North 1 ♦, Diamond Pass 1 N.T., 2 Spades Pass.  
You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-2, Hearts K-Q-4-2, Diamonds J-7, Clubs A-J-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. Your partner must have a good hand to make a vulnerable overall against two bidding opponents with a silent partner. Game is a distinct possibility, and you must give your partner an invitation.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered, you, South, hold: Spades Q-6-2, Hearts K-J-4-2, Diamond 7, Clubs A-J-6-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



## WOMANSENSE



FLUFF ON POWDER with a light touch. For something new, try a combination powder and cream foundation packed in compact form.



## A LIGHT TOUCH WITH POWDER

By HELEN FOLLETT

Do you use cream or compact rouge? If you haven't tried the creamy kind, do so just for fun. You'll find it has lasting qualities.

It should be blended from the cheekbone out and upward with the highest colour appearing toward the temple. You can put it on in little dots, blending them together carefully. Do you know that it is a good trick to leave a little pale spot in the centre of the rouge application? Nature often does that.

## The Splash Method

While dry rouge is used after powdering, powder is always applied atop the creamy kind. Some beauticians use what they call a splashing method. Powder is fluffed on instead of being rubbed in or patted on so the rouge will not be disturbed.

Do not put powder on your eyelids; it will make them look heavy. A bit of cold cream on

the lids will often make eyes look dewy. Dewy eyes catch the attention of the susceptible male, or so we are told. After splashing on powder, use the other side of the pad, buffing the skin over so lightly to remove any surplus. Then your complexion will have a nice velvet finish.

## The Lightest Touch

Be sure to remove powder from the eyebrows and lashes. Brush it off the eyebrows with an upward and outward stroke; on the lashes just the lightest touch will do the job.

The brush you use for this purpose must be kept scrupulously clean. If you use mascara, have a separate brush for application.

If the countenance is long and narrow, it is a good plan to colour the lower line of lashes as well as the upper growth. It makes the face look shorter by creating a cross line.

## TWO EASY-TO-DO COFFEE CAKES MADE FROM LOAVES OF BREAD

By Ida Bailey Allen

THE Chef stood beaming slightly. Cut in half inch slices, 25-30 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

"The coffee break is ready in the test kitchen, Madame."

"Coffee break, Chef?"

"Oui, Madame; the business name for coffee in the mid-morning. The ladies used to call it Kaffee Klatch. But now it is called 'break' because it is a break to get good coffee! And to serve with it, I have two new quick coffee breads."

"But when did you make them?"

"The last twenty minutes, Madame. Instead of starting with a dough, I used white and raisin loaf bread."

On the test kitchen table, the coffee cups and a big pot of steaming hot coffee were waiting. The Chef opened the oven door and brought out an aluminium tray containing two delectable-looking coffee cakes, rich, warm, and fragrant.

**Caramel Honey Pecan Loaf:** Slice the crusts from a loaf of enriched bread. Cut in halves lengthwise, and divide into 8 sections cutting almost through to the bottom.

Cream ¼ c. butter or margarine; work in ½ c. brown sugar, 2 tsp. honey, 1 tsp. water and ¼ c. chopped pecans. Spread in a shallow 9" square pan. Place bread in this, cut side down. Bake 10 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. to 400° F.

Cool slightly; turn upside down on a plate and serve warm.

**Raisin Cinnamon Layer:** Slice the crusts from a loaf of raisin bread. Cut lengthwise, making 3 layers. Lightly toast on each side. Spread thickly, and top with ¼ c. butter or margarine creamed with 1 c. powdered sugar, 2½ tsp. cinnamon, 3 tsp. milk and ¼ c. chopped shredded coconut. Press together and heat 10 min. at 375° F. Cool.

## Dinner

Cottage Cheese-Green-Pepper Saladettes  
Poultry-Asparagus au Gratin  
Corn-Stuffed Tomatoes  
Lettuce Plum Pie  
Coffee Tea Milk  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four to Six

## Poultry-Asparagus au Gratin

Prepare 3 c. chicken cream sauce. Add 2½ c. sliced cooked or tinned chicken, using both white and dark meat, or use turkey meat. Stir in 1½ c. tinned cut asparagus.

Transfer to well-buttered individual chicken pie or shiraz egg dishes. Top with ¼ c. fine dried crumbs mixed with 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Bake

## Corn-Stuffed Tomatoes

Hollow out the centres of 6 medium-sized tomatoes. Dust with salt and pepper. Fill with the contents of 1 buffet can corn kernels, well drained and mixed with 1 beaten egg, 2 tsp. soft enriched bread crumbs, ¼ tsp. salt and ¾ tsp. butter. Top each with ½ tsp. butter or a ¼ strip of bacon.

Place in custard cups or muffin pans containing about ½ inch water. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°-400° F.

## Suggestion Of The Chef

Put a green pepper through the grinder and mix with ½ lb. cottage cheese for saladettes. Make into small balls and serve with sweet-sour cucumbers; tsp. butter or margarine. Bake yogurt for the dressing.

## The Seven Deadliest Sins In Dress

By Gay Pauley

New York.

The worst fashion sin a woman can commit is wrapped up in one term, "trying too hard," says designer Lilly Dache.

Miss Dache, a fashion leader for 20 years, has compiled what she considers the seven deadliest sins in dress. The one at the bottom of her list probably would rate at the top of any compiled by husbands. It's squandering money.

## Take It Easy On Buying

"Don't buy on a whim or by emotion," she said. "This is true whether you have \$10 or \$10,000 to spend. Better you should give the money to charity, where it's deductible."

How does the voluble, French-born designer know about fashion sins?

"Because I've committed every one of them," she said. "More of her pet peeves:

"Fur capes which don't cover a suit jacket, jewelled dresses for office wear, a sport coat worn with a fancy dress or fancy coat with sport dress; girlish styles on mature women, ankle straps on heavy ankles, high heels on women who teeter as they walked, dirty gloves, full skirts on overly full figures, and sophisticated clothes on teenagers."

## Two-toned Coat



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

HANDSOME indeed are the new coats. The designs of even the simplest models differ vastly from the styles that were seen in the past few seasons. Zibbe, in a fine coat for general wear with such novel details as arrow-line stitching to form a yoke. The collar, cuffs and front, edged with a deep shade of grey, also, attached. The coat is entirely lined in jersey in a deeper grey shade.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Want "Magic Merchandise"?

—There is Fly-Walk Ointment and Rain Powder—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting in the playroom when they heard the sound of footsteps, coming from behind the bookshelves. The next moment, their friend, Mr. Merlin the Magician, appeared. He was carrying a satchel on which were printed the words "magic merchandise."

Mr. Merlin was dressed in a white suit with a big flowing silk necktie and a blue cape. He was wearing his tall, white hat.

"Oh, Mr. Merlin!" Hanid exclaimed. "Are you going on a trip?"

"You might call it a trip," Mr. Merlin said. "I'm going to try to sell this satchel full of magic merchandise."

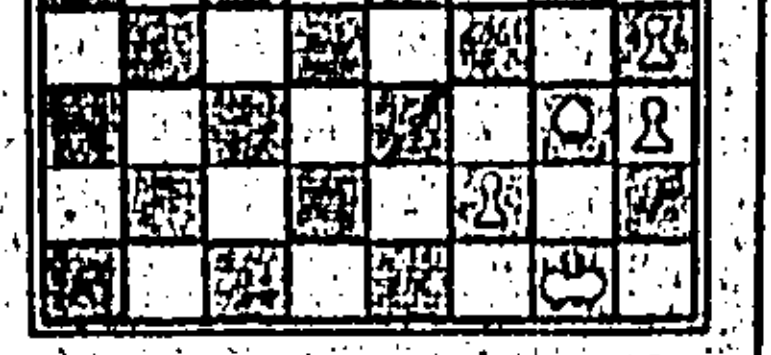
What Is He Selling?

Knarf and Hanid wanted to know what kind of magic merchandise, Mr. Merlin the Magician was going to sell.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By S. LIMBACH

Black, 4 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's Problem:

1. B-K7, any; 2. Q-R, or B-mates.

"Five anything. Just five. But don't bother paying me now."

By this time, Knarf had discovered an interesting-looking jar and the label on it read: "Rain Powder."

"What's this do?" he asked Mr. Merlin.

## A Sudden Shower

"I'll be glad to demonstrate," replied Mr. Merlin. Saying this, he took a pinch of the powder and tossed it up in the air. The next second, a heavy rain started falling in the room. The drops splattered everywhere and formed in puddles on the carpet. Knarf and Hanid crawled under a table to keep from getting wet.

But the next second, the sun broke through. There was a rainbow, starting from the window, all the way across to the door. It stopped raining. The puddles dried up.

"Makes rain any time you want it!" Mr. Merlin said, holding the jar out to Knarf. "Would you care to buy it?"

"Oh yes," said Knarf. "How much is it?"

"That'll cost you ten," said Mr. Merlin.

"Ten of anything?" asked Knarf.

## Rupert's Coral Island—18



To keep the mast out of the water Rupert fixes it slightly up. The consequence is that the wind will catch it and drift him further from the shore. Desperately he shouts to the Guides to try to get a boat to rescue him. All at once a boat appears. "Are you all right?"



Mr. Merlin daubed Fly-Walk Ointment on Hanid's feet.

Mr. Merlin nodded. "But pay me later! I've got to go now."

Before he shut up his satchel again, Knarf and Hanid saw many other bottles and jars and boxes. They saw a bottle labelled, "Bee-Buzz Syrup," and a jar containing "Leap-frog salve," and a wonderful box marked, "Thunder and Lightning Pills." They wished Mr. Merlin could have stayed and shown them what those things did, too.

But he said: "They all cost twenty-five. You can't afford them!" And off he went.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BORN on this first day of the incoming sign, Sagittarius, you are ruled by Saturn, the God of Time, and you will live to a ripe old age. The ambassador and the philosopher. You seem to be in tune with the infinite and know intuitively many things which, for others, remain in the realm of the unknown.

You have a strong, almost military, nature and expect that everything should be done to the letter and by rule. Although you are long on discipline, you know how to let others to enjoy following your lead. You are, at times, inclined to be a little reckless and will make quick decisions of a rather startling nature. Fortunately, your judgment is basically sound, so that you rarely make errors which you cannot correct.

If you stopped to give things a second thought, the chances are that you would be right one hundred times out of one hundred. And that would be unbearable! You are sure of your opinion, but since your sense of justice is strong, you are usually correct there also. You would make a good judge, diplomat or statesman. Since you dislike having to bother with politics at the local level, it is probable that you would do best in an appointive, rather than in an elective job. Your marriage should be a happy and contented one. Your love nature is loyal and true.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you receive a bid for a company dinner this week, accept it. It will cheer you up immensely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Think twice before making a major expenditure on your home today. Be very sure you are getting value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—It is impossible to delay an important decision in regard to property, get the best possible advice, first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Plans may be going more slowly than you might wish, this week, but cultivate patience.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—It may be wiser to keep your own counsel in future plans than to talk about them too much.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Even if an exciting opportunity is offered for advancement, don't plunge into it without investigating.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be careful to put your valuables in a very safe place to avoid any loss due to your own carelessness.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can relax thoroughly with your favourite hobby and relax those mounting tensions this evening.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be practical just now. Facts are more important than wishes. Think of your dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be genuinely friendly and a new romance may follow, starting with a letter into a lasting friend.

## DUMB BELLS



I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT A PERSIAN CAT MEOW FOR



20,000 SEE

# TOO MUCH "NERVES" AT THE "CHRISTENING" OF THE NEW STADIUM

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The 1st Division clash of South China and KMB at Caroline Hill yesterday was more than a football match. It was the first test of Stadium management at the new arena... it was a searching trial of crowd control... and above all it was a challenge to the 22 players as to whether or not they could rise above the tension of such an occasion and still turn in their normal game.

Let me deal with each of these points in turn. The South China officials still have some way to go before they can lay claim to having the crowd management problem under control. Some ticket holders were locked out, and many of the fans who had gone out of their way to buy their tickets in advance found that they had the greatest difficulty in getting a seat.

Nevertheless for a first attempt it was commendable and now that the lessons have been learned we should see a big overall improvement when Caroline Hill has its next big game. However, I am quite satisfied that there are many pointers against the pre-sale of tickets... on a first-come-first-served basis there would be no heartbreaks and no recriminations... as there were yesterday. The police arrangements were very good, although it was a little disconcerting to arrive in the vicinity of the ground and see policemen armed with strange and varied weapons... but the men in blue had a difficult job on their plate and I believe that most fair-minded folk will agree that they did their part well.

## NERVES

And now, what about the main actors in the big affair, the players of South China and KMB. Let me say right away that they never overcame this occasion's nerves and few of them turned in the kind of display of which we know they are capable.

The game was not worthy of the great occasion and the struggle for vital League points reduced the match to a dull, often bitter, struggle. There were few touches of class combined play, and seldom was the characteristic Chinese game seen during the full period of the match.

A casual visitor would never have guessed that this was a clash of two of our top teams. The play was often scrappy and loose passing and kicking was the order of the day.

The final score in favour of South China by one goal to nil was probably just about the right result, although the Busesmen will wonder why they had so much of the play during the second half without managing to get the equaliser.

The first half was generally in favour of the home team. They often had the KMB defence

at panic stations and it was a sad reflection on their forward play that they did not notch more than one goal. They

Forward line consisted of Kwok Yung-lok, Lee Cheuk-yan, Mok Chun-wah, KMB: Wan Fat-kim, Hung Ling-yuk, Chan Kiu-San, Tang Sum, Ng Kee-cheung, Sze Yui, Kwan King-sum, Lee Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit, Sze Man, Lee Tai-fat.

However by this time the writing was already on the wall and in some isolated late raids South China looked much more dangerous than their opponents had done during all their previous play. In fact it was only a brilliant save by Wan Fat-kim that prevented another score.

For the winners Tam Nai-huen kept a good goal and displayed lots of confidence in dealing with the little bit of corner his way. Lee Yee was the better back and completely subdued Kwok King-sum.

Ko Po-keung, as steady as the Rock of Gibraltar, was in complete command of the centre of the field. If there is any criticism of this grand club man, it is that his distribution of the ball is not nearly on a par with his defensive play.

Tong Sheung had a fine game and he is just about the only man in the team who is ready to have a shot at goal from a reasonable distance.

As was in the forward line that the team misfired. Kwok Yung-lok was fast and active without being a dominating centre, but neither Lee Yui-tak nor Yui Cheuk-yan played a strong, resolute game on the left wing and whenever he was in possession there was always the possibility that something would happen.

GRAND DISPLAY Wan Fat-kim played a grand game for the losers, a fine

clutches and kicks well and he has a most agile style. BUT late in the game he nearly paid the full penalty for a goalkeeper's unforfeitable sin... playing to the gallery.

A simple shot was sent into the goalmouth and he had plenty of time to catch and clear it, but instead he threw himself at it, mistimed his effort, and the ball ran from his hands towards the unkeyed-up goal line to be kicked away in the nick of time by a vigilant back.

Chan Kar-sau, apart from being caught out of position on occasion, kicked well and tackled with determination, but Ng Kee-cheung had just about as poor a game as he has had in a long time.

He was never the commanding figure he can be, an excellent kicking and his tackling were slack. His uncertainty spread to the rest of the defence and they never really settled down to a concerted game.

Tang Sum forged and forced the play but much of his good work was wasted on the mean front.

The forward line suffered from the many changes that were made and only Lee Tai-fat and Lee Chun-fat played to form. On occasion Sze Man showed he had the ability to accomplish something, but somehow or other he never quite achieved as much as he promised.

## VERDICT

20,000 fervent fans deserved a better game than they got. The dire necessity of achieving success... of nothing two points... reduced these two great teams to very ordinary levels and enhanced few reputations.

This game was well controlled by Referee Kearney and his linesmen and the referee gets a special bouquet for his commonsense handling of Tang Yee-kit as the player returned to the field when by all rights he should have been receiving medical attention.

Kearney stopped the play, called the player, and an inter-ceptor, the KMB's team captain and officials, and pointed out to them the seriousness of allowing the player to return to the field with only a hastily improvised dressing on a very bad injury.

The player apparently got the O.K. from his team to carry on, but it was a difficult situation well handled. Full marks, Mr Kearney.

## THE TEAMS

South China: Tam Nai-huen; Lau Chee-ping, Lau Yee; Soong Ling-sing, Ko Po-keung, Tong Sheung; Chu Wing-wah, Lee Yui-tak, Kwok Yung-lok, Yui Cheuk-yan, Mok Chun-wah.

KMB: Wan Fat-kim, Hung Ling-yuk, Chan Kiu-San, Tang Sum, Ng Kee-cheung, Sze Yui, Kwan King-sum, Lee Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit, Sze Man, Lee Tai-fat.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

Following are the latest league standings: 1st Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
South China	7	4	0	0	24	7	8
K.M.B.	6	3	1	2	17	8	8
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## WEST HAM UNITED v. BURY



Goram, Bury goalkeeper, saves from Section, West Ham inside-right. West Ham won 5-0.

# Saints Upset 2-1 By The Pandas

By "SNOOPER"

Jindoo Hussain's hitherto unbeaten Saints were upset 2-1 by Jackie Wei's Pandas who touched brilliance after an impressive start by short-stop Y. S. Liang who drew first blood for the Pandas in the initial inning in the feature Senior "A" League tussle yesterday at King's Park.

The thrill-packed tilt was witnessed by a capacity crowd of softball enthusiasts who saw the underdog Pandas play heads-up ball with whirlwind constructive play which gave the Saints little opportunity to find form.

Hero of the victorious Pandas side was Y. S. Liang. When the Saints tied up the game in the third inning through Ignar Erickson, who came home on Arturo Ozorio's excellent hit between first and second base, it seemed that the Pandas would be discouraged.

It was a different story, however, when Liang dealt the knockout blow by planting one to the centrefield, the ball sailing clear over centrefielder George Saunders to tally a home run.

After the game, Hussain's players told me: "We were beaten fairly and squarely, by a better team. Our best wishes go to the Pandas on their attempt at winning the Senior 'A' Pennant."

On yesterday's show, the Pandas looked unbeatable. Ed Carvallo's Champion Braves, who meet the Pandas early next month, will have to produce something well out of the ordinary to halt the Pandas' journey to Pennantville.

A THRILLER The Saints-Pandas game was not only a brilliant one but a thriller. It was good pitching and excellent fielding that won the day. As the Pandas fielders event from strength to strength, the Saints' ballplayers looked tired and dispirited when most of their bunts failed to achieve any purpose.

Pitcher Jackie Wei and short-stop Liang made this the best of the four Pandas' performances in the League. There was little lacking in Wei's pitching and he only allowed the Saints one hit in the afternoon's play.

Catcher Raymond Tsao played confidently in sharp contrast to the display he turned in against the Chinese Athletic Association last weekend when he was charged with many errors. There was a spark and his handling of the ball yesterday.

Wei, who was much worried about those deadly Saints' bunt-hits, had a sound cover to assist him. Third-baseman Wally Ma gave a great display, while first-baseman Harold Ong proved his worth at first base except for one error in the third frame.

Left-fielder Allen Cheng, centre-fielder S. S. Hsu and right-fielder Benny Fan justified their selection by giving a grand performance.

A series of defensive blunders and failure to accept the simple blunt fact that the oldtimers Dave Leonard, Showboat All and Sherry Bucks have slowed down, probably cost the Saints their unbeaten record yesterday.

Against a courageous Pandas squad of ballplayers, the Saints were guilty of four vital errors.

Pandas—Pitcher—Jackie Wei; Catcher—Raymond Tsao; 1st baseman—Harold Ong; 2nd baseman—William Woo; 3rd baseman—Willy Ma; Short-stop—Y. S. Liang; Left-fielder—Allen Cheng; Centre-fielder—S. S. Hsu; Right-fielder—Benny Fan.

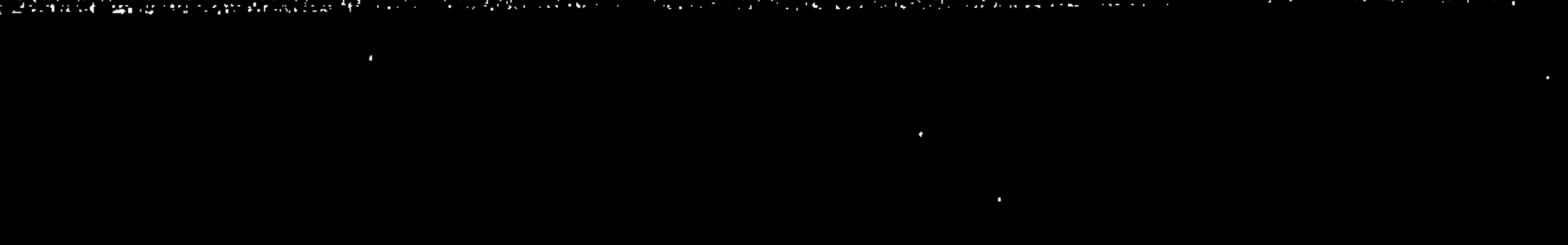
Saints—Pitcher—Vic Pedrue; Catcher—Ignar Erickson; 1st baseman—Ray Aldagaur; 2nd baseman—Arturo Ozorio; 3rd baseman—Benny Omar; Short-stop—Dave Leonard; Left-fielder—Meme Xavier; Centre-fielder—Sherry Bucks; George Saunders; Right-fielder—Showboat All.

There was some inspiration in the Saints' camp in the third frame. With two men down and with Ignar Erickson at second, manager Hussain and coach Harold Wingless were brooding about a run. The experienced Ozorio then gave his colleagues one sustained breather when his sliding grounder between first and second drove in Erickson for the tying run.

Came the fifth inning, some minutes after. The entire Saints' defence stood bewildered and watched a deep fly ball into the centre-field end Y. S. Liang just stirred home to give the Pandas the victory.

The rest of a sorry Saints' tale is swiftly told. They were held down by pitcher Wei for two more scoreless innings, featured by a delightful Pandas' infield display.

THE GAMBOLE Barry Appleby



# IP KOON-HUNG STILL IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF

Says "ARGONAUT"

Ip Koon-hung, five times winner of the Colony Grass-court Singles title, proved yesterday that he is still in a class by himself when he defeated former Shanghai Champion V. T. Wang by 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Colony Hardcourt Singles Championship.

Ip won the Hardcourt title in 1949 but did not compete in the other years.

Although beaten, V. T. Wang, who conceded to Ip a decisive advantage in age and speed, put up one of the most gallant fights seen in local Championship finals.

In the first set, Wang fought equally powerful strokes and with all that he had in the 7th game when, with the score standing at 3-4, he came up from a 0-30 score to 30-30 only to eventually lose it by 30-50.

In the second set his gallant spirit was again in evidence, particularly in the 7th set when after travelling 0-30 he forced the game to deuce and won it to even the game score at 3-3.

Ip, however, annexed the next three games in a row. The veteran threw in all the reserve that he had towards the end of the third set when he fought through Ip's service game and narrow the score to 4-5.

The effect of this game told on him in his next service game, which Ip took fairly easily by 30-30 to win the set and match.

## NEVER UNDERATED

Ip rode to victory on his superior all-round strokes, but never throughout the three sets underrated his opponent, and matched experience against experience.

Wang's accurate passing shots were well-neutralised by the Champion who played carefully from the baseline and followed up with his devastating net volleys only after perfect length drives or when certain of weak returns.

The Schoolboys' Doubles title was won by the St Joseph's College combination of Ng Man-cheung and Ho Cheung-pok who defeated Francis Ma and Lu Poy-hay by 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3.

Ng was the best of the four players on view, giving an impressive display of easily executed aggressive strokes. He was well supported by his partner, Ho, whose almost

# HUNGARIANS CONFIDENT

London, Nov. 23.

The Hungarian football team to meet England at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday arrived in London by train last night.

They were welcomed by the Hungarian Minister in London, Mr Janos Catona, and members of the Hungarian Legation, Sir Stanley Ross, President of the English Football Association, Mr J. Peters, a member of the England Selection Committee and a crowd of hundreds of football fans.

Some of the Hungarian players signed autograph books before leaving for their hotel by coach. The captain, Ferenc Puskas, said with great confidence: "We will win" when asked what he thought of Hungary's chances. China Mail Special.

# South-East Asia Basketball Tournament

Manila, Nov. 23.

The Japanese men's basketball team defeated Bangkok 45-38 on the third day of the Southeast Asia tournament last night.

In the women's division, Bangkok downed Singapore 27-25. On Saturday night, Japan's women's team defeated Singapore 54-8 while Singapore's men's team defeated Japan 49-46.

Other competing teams are expected to arrive today. Hongkong, Taiwan and Vietnam have not yet played.

The tournament will continue until December with each team scheduled to play seven games. United Press.

# Portugal Beats South Africa

Lisbon, Nov. 22.

Portugal beat South Africa 2-1 in an international football match at the National Stadium here today.

Portugal led 2-0 at half-time. Portugal, doing more of the attacking, were two goals up in 23 minutes, through inside-right Zemanal and centre-forward Aguiar. Matatou moved to centre-forward after an injury to Aguiar, got their third goal in the 72nd minute.

Three minutes later, Rogo scored for the South Africans, many of whose attacks were spoiled by poor finishing. Router.

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## NEWCASTLE UNITED v. CARDIFF CITY



Debutant winger Alan Monkhouse tackles 'keeper, Howells in mid-air. Milburn (left) looks on. Newcastle won 4-0.

## PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT

## Navy Were Slightly Better In Everything They Did

By "PAK LO"

Saturday afternoon brought a very close and exciting game in the match between the Army and the Navy in the First Round of the Pentangular Tournament at Boundary Street, which the Navy won by 6 points (2 penalty goals) to nil. The Club versus the Police game which followed was a complete walkover for the Club who won by the handsome score of 26 points (6 tries, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to three (1 try).

Without doubt the first match of the afternoon was by far the best and the result was just right as the Navy were slightly better in everything they did than the Army though neither side could be said to have played a faultless game by any means. But the Navy made fewer mistakes than the Army.

Before many minutes had passed, the Navy, who had kicked off and attacked at once, were awarded a penalty which Smith, the Navy captain and the finest player on the field, took and scored, thus putting the Navy three points ahead of their rivals.

For a short while after this the Army attacked, but could get nowhere and eventually in the 18th minute they gave away a penalty. Smith again took it and made no mistake to bring the score to 6 points to nil.

The Army then returned to the attack and got as far as the Navy five-yard line, but were driven back. Again they attacked and after a good three-quarter movement were awarded a penalty which Gerard narrowly missed. Just before half time it looked as if the Navy were going to score again, but they failed narrowly.

**PLENTY OF THRILLS**  
The second half contained no score but plenty of thrills for the spectators, as both sides went all out, the one to increase their lead and the other to bring the scores level, but neither side could manage it. Both three-quarter lines were running very fast but in each case just when the attack looked most promising it was halted and the ball cleared upfield.

The Navy have a very fine player in their captain, Smith, who was all over the field wherever the ball was, supporting, encouraging and leading his men very cleverly, and he stood head and shoulders above every other man in the game.

The Navy were winning the set scrums in the proportion of three to one, and the credit without doubt goes to Owen who also played very well in the other departments of the game.

Day too tried very hard and his tackling was excellent. A perfect example of this was when he tackled Daniel very low and hard and just about ploughed up the field with him.

Gerard for the Army played his usual good game and he was well backed up by Brentford and Daniel. Only Collins in the defence stood out, and that was very distinct.

**A SINECURE**  
The second game was a complete sinecure for the Club, but they deserved their win, all the way. The Police looked well for the first half and then they faded almost completely from the scene. If only some of them had tackled in the same tiger-like spirit as Day, they would not have been on the wrong end of such a colossal score. Their tackling was poor, in fact it was on a par with the Club's kicking.

The first score was made by Leader, who, taking the ball from the set scrum, whipped round the blind side, passed out to Layton, who cleverly eluded McDonnell, and scored. The kick was missed.

Then the Police got away and Bryn Jones scored from a loose maul to level the score at three all.

Then Ewart went over for the Club but as the lines were not clearly marked he went over the dead ball line without knowing and the try was not allowed. A little later a penalty was awarded to the Club and Douglas scored.

Next to score was Kilvert who, following up well, caught the ball after Leader had dribbled it nicely and hooked it over McDonnell's head, and went over to score. The conversion failed, leaving the half time score at 9 to 3.

The second half was all Club. There were tries by Layton, then Lambert scored under the posts for Leader to convert easily. After that we had tries by Roberts, Harroves, and in the final minute one by Lambert to leave the score at 26 points to 3 for the Club.

Only one of these tries was converted and that an easy one. Obviously the Club needs to be taught the simple rudiments of place kicking. And the sooner the better!

Layton and Leader were the Club's outstanding men and it is a pity, in view of Tuesday's game, that Layton was injured in the closing stages as his presence will be badly missed.

## LEAGUE CRICKET

## ARMY CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION WITHOUT EVEN PLAYING

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army consolidated their position at the top of the Senior Division Cricket League table on Saturday although their match with the Scorpions was postponed.

Three out of the four First Division matches played during the week-end ended in a draw. As a result the six teams could only share one point each, leaving the soldiers still well ahead.

The preponderance of draws matches this week once again brings out the greatest drawback to our local Cricket League matches. With time of play gradually getting shorter — four hours at most — the maintenance of interest in these games will depend greatly on an enterprising attitude not only by captains but also by the players themselves.

It was not so bad this week-end, but there have been a few matches already where the first batting side has taken too long a lease of the wicket. The number of overs played by each team this week-end and the runs scored make interesting reading:

	Overs	Runs
RAF	34	140
Optimists	25	62 for 9
KCC	31	161 for 1
University	20	80 for 9
IRC	33	158 for 8
Recreio	22	85 for 8
Navy	36.7	154
CCC	22.7	104

The situation is not too bad in the Second Division where the bowling superiority of a number of teams is great enough to make up for the shorter time given to the opposing teams to bat.

In the First Division, matches will invariably end in a draw unless a correspondingly sufficient number of overs is given to the second batting side. From the figures given above, it will be seen that University, who were given almost just as many overs, were guilty of not forcing a decision.

Optimists cannot be blamed if they forced a draw, having been given nine overs less, and Recreio could not have done otherwise with a handicap of 11 overs.

For brighter cricket, it is wondered if it would not be a bad idea if the League Committee would set a limited margin of time that the first batting side could have on their opponents.

## NAVY'S VICTORY

The only First Division match to reach a satisfactory conclusion was that between Craigengower and Navy, in which Navy upset their more favoured opponents by 50 runs to chalk up their first victory of the season. The Sailors played brilliant cricket except for one point, which would have deprived them of their win but for a grand sporting gesture by the Craigengower batsmen.

Taking first lease of the wicket, Sadler, Fallwell, Agar and Miller put the Sailors in a safe position in the matter of runs when they put up 102 for the loss of three wickets.

The scoring, instead of being faster than on, was quite fully slower. As a result Craigengower were given 95 minutes to make the required runs.

Tam, Souza and Madar made a brave attempt to knock up the runs, but after five wickets had fallen, there remained only 20 minutes of play. Instead of trying to force what looked an inevitable draw, the incoming Craigengower batsmen sportingly resorted to orthodox cricket and were all out just two minutes from time.

This, however, did not in any way serve to detract from the brilliant bowling performance of the Navy bowlers, particularly that of Short whose five wickets

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

## First Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	6	5	0	1	20
Scorpions	6	2	2	2	12
Craigengower	7	2	3	2	11
CCC	7	2	3	2	11
Recreio	7	2	3	2	11
KCC	7	2	3	2	10
Optimists	6	2	2	2	10
RAF	7	2	2	3	10
University	6	1	3	2	7
Navy	7	1	2	4	6

## Home Soccer Standings

London, Nov. 22.  
Football league standings after yesterday's matches are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich	19	14	2	3	53	23	30
Huddersfield	19	12	5	2	27	25	29
Burnley	19	12	0	7	24	34	24
Bolton	19	8	6	5	31	28	22
Blackpool	19	9	5	5	33	29	22
Charlton	19	10	7	2	47	21	21
Manchester U.	19	8	6	5	31	20	20
Arsenal	19	8	4	7	39	30	19
Cardiff	19	8	4	7	39	30	19
Sheffield W.	19	8	3	8	35	43	19
Preston N.E.	19	9	1	9	40	29	19
Tottenham H.	19	9	1	9	30	29	19
Villa	19	8	1	10	31	37	17
Newcastle	19	5	6	8	39	36	16
Manchester C.	19	5	6	8	32	43	14
Chelsea	19	5	4	10	32	43	14
Liverpool	19	4	5	10	35	48	13
Sheffield U.	19	5	3	11	29	39	13
Sunderland	19	5	3	11	39	49	13
Portsmouth	19	4	5	10	37	50	13
Middlesbrough	19	4	4	11	29	42	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	19	10	7	2	27	25	27
Doncaster	19	12	2	5	35	21	26
Everton	19	11	4	4	28	25	26
Nottingham Forest	19	10	4	5	43	28	24
Birmingham	19	8	6	5	40	24	22
Tottenham A.	19	9	5	5	32	22	22
Leeds U.	19	7	7	5	44	38	21
Luton	19	7	7	5	32	30	21
Sheff. Wed.	19	7	4	8	27	24	20
Blackburn	19	7	6	6	32	27	20
West Ham	19	8	4	7	30	29	20
Stoke	19	5	6	8	31	31	19
Swansea	19	5	6	8	31	31	19
Bristol R.	19	5	5	9	37	31	18
Fulham	19	5	5	9	31	41	17
Reading	19	5	4	10	27	30	17
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Queen O'South	12	8	1	3	32	16	17
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Aberdeen	11	3	2	6	12	25	8
Hamilton	11	1	9	12	37	5	3

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St. Johnstone	11	7	1	3	31	20	15
Stenhousemuir	12	6	3	3	25	14	14
Stirling	12	6	2	4	38	20	14
Albion A.	12	4	2	6	20	14	10
Kilmarnock	11	6	0	5	33	10	12
Third Lanark	10	5	0	5	32	11	10
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Cowdenbeath	12	5	0	7	30	32	10
Dumfries	12	4	2	6	23	40	10
Dundee U.	12	4	1	7	24	10	9
Queen's Park	11	3	2	6	23	24	8
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Queen Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, will leave their two children asleep in Buckingham Palace this evening and drive through London's misty November streets to start their 50,000-mile world tour.

They will not see Prince Charles and Princess Anne again for six months. And when they return to London in the spring, they will have visited 14 Commonwealth countries and greeted the globe by air and sea.

At 1930 GMT tonight (HK time 0330 Tuesday) the Queen and the Duke will leave Buckingham Palace by car and drive to London airport.

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## Commonwealth Trade Shows Steady Improvement

London, Nov. 23. An improvement in the balance of Commonwealth merchandise trade as compared with the previous year is revealed in a memorandum issued today (Monday) on Commonwealth trade for 1952-53.

The memorandum, prepared by the Commonwealth Economic Committee, stated that the improvement was very marked in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. In New Zealand and Ceylon, the balance became unfavourable though it later improved and there was an adverse balance for the colonial territories.

Available data for the first six months of 1953 showed continued improvements in Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon and Pakistan but a deterioration in Canada.

For the rest of the Sterling Commonwealth, the surplus with the United States dropped from \$427,000,000 to \$281,000,000, and a surplus with Canada of \$55,000,000 was replaced by a deficit of \$78,000,000.

**EXPORT TOTALS**  
 Export totals for 1952 for Canada and Southern Rhodesia were records. That for Australia in the 12 months to June 30, 1953, was nearly £200,000,000 greater than a year earlier, but did not regain the peak reached in 1950-51.

U.K. exports totalled £255,000,000 compared with £258,000,000 in 1951. Exports to the Sterling Commonwealth, Canada and Latin America were reduced, while those for Western Europe, the colonial territories and the United States rose. The fall in respect of exports to Commonwealth countries was most severe for Australia, for which the total was about 30 per cent less than the previous year.

Exports from the colonies fell by £317,000,000 and the reduction in exports from India, Pakistan and Ceylon was also very heavy.

Turning to imports the memorandum stated that only in New Zealand and Ceylon was the 1952 import total substantially higher than a year earlier. For both the U.K. (1952) and Australia (12 months ended June 30, 1953) the reduction was some £400,000,000 sterling.

The postwar expansion in world trade was checked in 1952, the index for the volume of trade falling slightly for the first time since the war.—France-Press.

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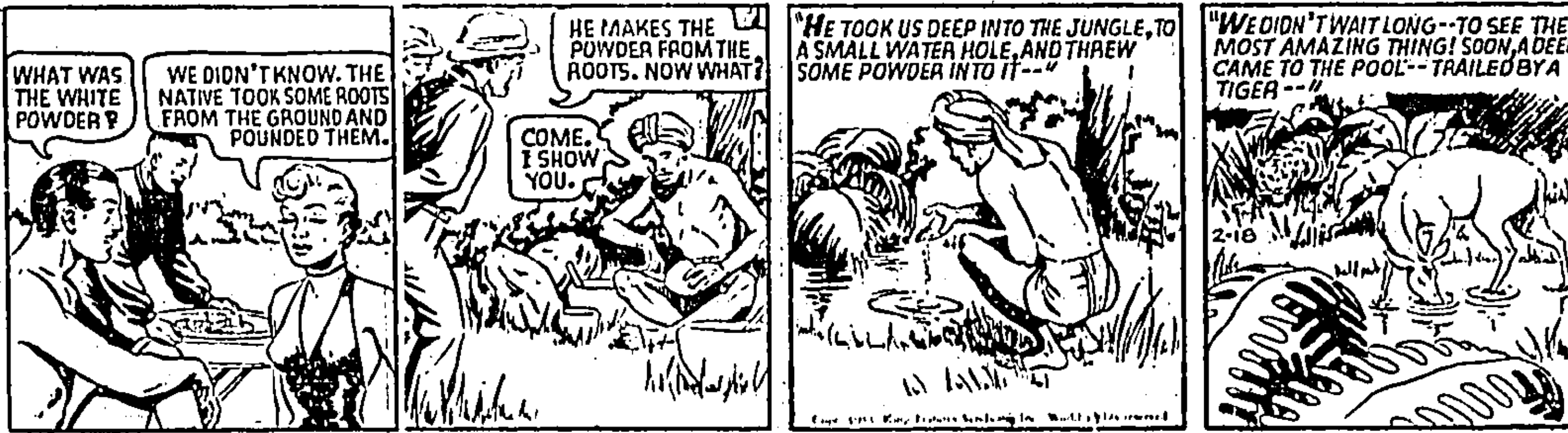
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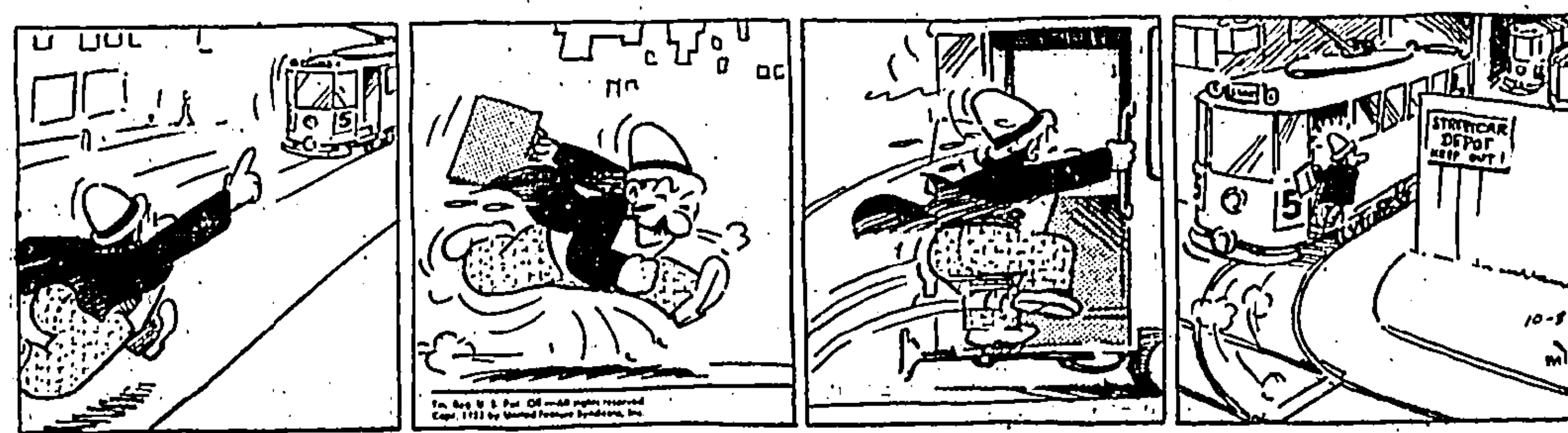
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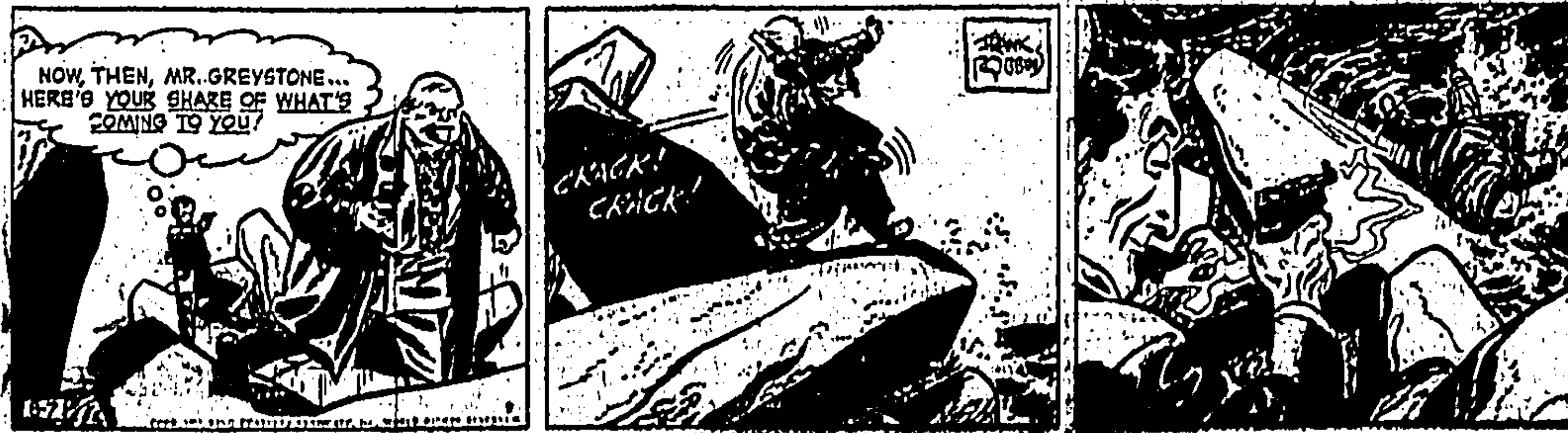
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## Warning Of Economic Dangers

Rome, Nov. 23. Farmers will urge timely joint action against possible economic depression when representatives of 68 states meet here for the seventh conference of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation beginning today.

The International Federation of Agricultural Producers, representing more than 20 million farmers, complains that farmers are in danger of suffering from increasing production requested by their governments.

They argue that the governments have not devised policies to dispose of the extra food produced.

Mr. Roger Savary, IFAP's French Secretary-General, said the attention of governments at the FAO meeting would be drawn to the following five points:

1. The necessity to provide for the use of any increased farm output.
2. The need for expansion of international trade and capital movement.
3. Continued support which should be given to expanded technical assistance programmes.
4. The merits of an IFAP proposal for greater stability in commodity prices through international commodity agreements, buffer stocks, distribution of surpluses through an internationally financed agency, administering a world food reserve.
5. A recommendation that an international commodity authority be set up with the prestige required to start and stimulate serious international cooperation.

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## Developing Australia: Big Plans In Hand

Melbourne, Nov. 22. Top Australian engineers are putting final touches to plans which could enable Australia to support three times its present population.

Conservation experts have predicted that Australia could support a population of 25 million, compared with the present eight and half million. The main points of the plans now nearing completion are conservation of water and soil and efficient utilisation of resources.

The front rank of the nation's programme are the Victorian Development Work which, within a decade, are expected to bring one million acres of desert into production, to make the state almost independent of outside coal for gas and power and to complete one of Australia's biggest irrigation systems to feed water to 1,250,000 acres of the rich Southern Valley.

Scores of smaller schemes along the same lines are also being evolved and private enterprise is working shoulder to shoulder with state run and state financed works.

Research on the fibre of desert bred sheep has revealed a soil deficiency and 100 acres a day are now being worked down.

**MILLION ACRES** One million acres on Victorian-South Australian border will come into production soon.

When this scheme with its new towns and settlers is completed, 10 million more Victorian acres can get the same treatment, according to the Commonwealth scientific and industrial research organisation.

The present Victorian consumption of 7,000,000 tons of brown coal a year is expected to reach from 20 to 30 million tons a year in a generation.

Under present plans, brown coal will soon be converted to gas and piped to Melbourne.

It is expected to provide about half of Melbourne's gas requirements by 1956.

By 1964 large plant production should be quadrupled, by 1974 doubled again.

In the Goulburn Valley, heart of the vast new irrigation works, process is well advanced on 2,300 miles of supply channels.

Here the Eiden Dam, the largest man made earth dam in the Southern Hemisphere, is rising steadily.

It is being built under an A.E.I. million contract.

More than half a mile long and formed of 13 million cubic yards of earth, it will increase storage at the old dam site nine times and double the irrigated area.—China Mail Special.

## Small Tornado Strikes Town

West Bay, Florida, Nov. 22. A small tornado has struck near West Bay, Florida, and Red Cross officials say at least 21 persons have been sent to hospitals.

The twister raged down on the little community of Woodville—one mile north of West Bay—and five of the six houses that make up the village were destroyed.

Red Cross workers said everyone was accounted for, however, and only one person—an infant—was critically injured. The unidentified baby suffered concussion.—United Press.

## Jagan To Speak In Indian Assembly

New Delhi, Nov. 22. Dr Cheddi Jagan, ex-Prime Minister of British Guyana, and his former Minister of Education, L. Burnham, were guests to dinner of the Indian Premier, Mr Nehru, tonight.

Jagan and Burnham intend to visit Burma, Ceylon and Pakistan following their stay in India in order to get support from these Commonwealth countries. It was learned from well-informed sources.

Dr Jagan will speak tomorrow before the Indian Upper and Lower Houses in "Central Hall".—France-Press.

## Thye In Korea

Seoul, Nov. 22. Senator Edward J. Thye of the US Senate Appropriations Committee, will tomorrow meet President Syngman Rhee and other South Korean officials.

The Minnesota Republican arrived yesterday to discuss the mutual security programme.

Tomorrow, he will go to meet a briefing by UN military and political officers and attempt to bring a peace conference.—Press.

## The Lord Mayor's Show



The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowdler, waves to the crowds that lined the route despite the continual rain, for the annual Lord Mayor's Show as it passed through the streets of the City.—Central Press.

## Traditional Welcome Awaits The Queen

Suva, Fiji Islands, Nov. 22.

In one crowded hour of spectacular symbolism, Queen Elizabeth will have laid at her feet here on December 17 everything that is best in ancient Fijian culture.

In that same hour, she will be ceremonially invited to land, will receive several tambua (whale's teeth), and hear the chanted acclamation of homage.

As "high chief," she will have her feet "dried" in a token gesture, will sip from a polished coconut bowl, join in a feast and receive gifts for herself and for her children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

All the complicated details of the traditional ceremonies are now complete.

When the liner Gothic drops anchor in Suva Harbour, the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, Lady Garvey, an aide de camp and a Fijian ceremonial spokesman (mantaviana) will go aboard to meet the Queen.

Fifteen minutes later, Fijian chiefs from Abau and Rewa, chiefs of Fijian tradition in the mid-19th century fought the bitterest war in Fijian history, will follow to perform the tavakeli ceremony, the invitation to land.

This ceremony will last only about five minutes.

The chiefs, wearing the traditional dress of bark-cloth (masi) and leaves, will sit on deck in front of the Queen. One of them will advance on his knees, holding out a tambua (whale's tooth), the most highly prized article of Fijian traditional property, and will make a brief, formal speech of welcome in Fijian before presenting the tooth.

Her Majesty will merely receive the tambua and pass it to the mantaviana, who will accept it on her behalf with a similar brief, formal speech.

The chiefs will then clap hands respectfully and depart.

Ashore, after driving through Suva to Albert Park, the Queen, accompanied by her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, will mount a platform decorated with masi and vividly coloured leaves for the large-scale Fijian welcome.

As the Queen enters the enclosure, she will be greeted by a word of acclamation chanted by the assembled Fijian women, all of them ladies of high rank.

Immediately she has taken her seat, the men will greet her, using a different word. This acclamation is the Tama, a greeting reserved for chiefs and used only once at any gathering. Fijians do not cheer their chiefs, and it is considered unseemly to make any sound other than the Tama in a chief's presence.

**DECORATED CANOE** For Queen Elizabeth, a beautifully decorated canoe will be carried into the enclosure, and the women will carry water in a huge vat leaf which they will break symbolically over the bow.

In complete silence, the tambua will be laid on the canoe. Lady Marina Vornvile, wife of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, Secretary for Fijian Affairs, will be the Queen's mantaviana for this ceremony.

She will retrieve the tambua from the canoe without a word being spoken.

On other occasions, the Queen's mantaviana will be Ratu Ratuva Tautava.

Further short ceremonies, involving the presentation of more tambua, will be followed by the Vakamataba (literally, "the drying of the feet of a high chief who has travelled by sea"). This is a presentation of traditional gifts of value: tambua, the finest

and finest woven grass and reed mats, masi patterned with intricate geometrical designs, and other articles of skilled handicraft.

Next will come the Sevusevu. The biggest root of yamgona (kava in Polynesia) to be found in the island of Kaudava, will be carried before the Queen, formally presented by a chief and accepted on her behalf by the mantaviana.

For the actual yamgona ceremony, a large wooden bowl (tanoa) will be brought and placed on the ground. Round it will sit three chiefs of Mbau, one of whom will mix the yamgona while the others guard the tanoa.

A group behind them will chant a yamgona-mixing song which dates back to time immemorial.

**STRICT RITUAL** The powdered root is mixed in the tanoa with water added from a long bamboo container. The mixer strains the liquid with hibiscus fibre. This is all done with precise actions, prescribed by a strict ritual. When the drink is thoroughly mixed, the first cup—a fragile, highly-polished coconut shell—will be offered with great solemnity to the Queen to drink.

After she has drunk and has laid down her coconut cup, the assembled Fijians will announce on a fact with one shouted word. Immediately after her Majesty, the mantaviana will drink, and then the Duke of Edinburgh, followed by an appointed Fijian. The Governor and his mantaviana and other important guests will drink in order of precedence.

The yamgona ceremony will be followed by the presentation of great quantities of cooked and uncooked food which will include pigs, turtles, native root vegetables and fruit.

Finally, there will be the presentation of gifts to the Queen, the Duke, Prince Charles and Princess Anne. For the Queen, there is a ring containing a Fijian grey pearl set in diamonds and emeralds. A walking-stick of Fijian woods is being fashioned for the Duke, and the gifts for the Prince and Princess will be a model Fijian canoe and a doll in Fijian traditional dress respectively.

All these ceremonies will occupy about an hour. They will be followed by three spectacular dances (moko) presented by groups who specialise in certain difficult dance-forms, practised to the finest degree of perfection.

In contrast to these brilliant displays of vigorous mass movement and muscular control, there will be a lakalaka by men and girls of Lakemba in Lau. This is a dance in which the quieter grace of Polynesian is blended with traditional Fijian routines.

The two-day Royal visit programme is full of colour and interest. But the first great Fijian welcome will set the keynote for the whole historic occasion.—China Mail Special.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# Balance Of Payments Surplus In First Half Of Year Not Satisfactory

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 21.

It is now official. The United Kingdom's balance of payments surplus in the first half of this year was "not satisfactory." The Treasury said so this week-end in its privately circulated Bulletin For Industry.

Even with a large slice of American aid, the surplus in the first six months of this year, reckoned on the annual rate, was only half of what is needed "over the years" to enable the U.K. to repay foreign debts, increase its reserves and play its part in development of the Commonwealth.

Yet we seem to have been lucky to have achieved even that much. The favourable movement in the terms of trade was especially helpful. Import prices were falling throughout the period, while export prices rose at first and then began to level off. As a result, the U.K. needed only the same volume of exports as in the first half of 1951 to buy a quarter more imports.

Other external factors were operating in our favour too. American aid and Canadian industrial activity continued fairly steadily at a much higher level than in 1952, and their imports were consequently higher. This affected U.K. balance of payments in two ways. Directly, it enabled us to sell more to North America and almost—but not quite—balance our current dollar account. Indirectly, it helped us because by keeping incomes in other countries high it maintained a demand for imports.

The Treasury admits too that "it was fortunate for all concerned" that in the first half of 1953, the rest of the Sterling Area also had a surplus with the non-Sterling world. The United Kingdom's own surplus on current account was largely offset by debt repayments and other capital items, so that the rest of the Sterling Area's surplus made a large contribution to the rise in reserves.

### SLIM SURPLUS

The various external factors operating in the U.K.'s favour made it possible for it to achieve a slim surplus on its balance of international payments. But they disguised the state of affairs in the export field.

The inescapable fact is that the U.K. has been losing ground heavily to its old trade rivals, Germany and Japan. Just how heavily is shown in the Treasury's Bulletin.

Between 1950 and 1952, while the volume of world exports rose by seven per cent, the volume of U.K. exports fell by five per cent. And its share in exports of manufactures by 10 main exporting countries fell from 20 per cent to 22 per cent.

There were good reasons for this, as the Bulletin points out. Up to 1950, circumstances were very favourable to the U.K. Germany and Japan were out of the running. The only serious competitor for world trade was the United States, and with dollars short many countries had to discriminate in favour of Britain.

### SPENT FREELY

Moreover, many of Britain's most important customers in the Commonwealth, West Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, had large accumulations of Sterling at large disposal, and they spent freely in the U.K. market.

But by 1950 German and Japanese trade on natural rubber was recovering; devaluation had reduced our price advantage over the United States; and many countries had run down their Sterling balances.

Not was that all, says the Bulletin. While the total of world exports did increase between 1950 and 1952, world exports of textiles and other consumer goods fell. And this type of export trade is far more important to Britain than to the United States or Germany.

Another difficulty was the failure of steel production to keep pace with the demand. As a result the U.K. could not take its share of the increase in world exports of engineering products.

### REARMAMENT

Rearmament aggravated the situation. Between 1950 and 1952, increase in defence claims on the metal-using industries was equivalent to between one-fifth and a quarter of their exports.

But there is yet a further factor to be taken into account. In 1952 many Sterling countries were suffering from a fall in raw

### UNDERSTANDING

And in the third quarter, despite relaxation of import restrictions and a revival in the demand for consumer goods, the volume of U.K. exports was only slightly higher than in the first half year.

It appears in the light of this analysis that the Treasury is erring on the side of understatement in describing the position as "not satisfactory."

But the country should be in no doubt about the seriousness of the situation after Mr Butler's statement to the National Production Advisory Council on industry over the week-end.

He gave warning against complacency about the rise in gold and dollar reserves, and pointed out that Britain's success in selling to the United States had not been matched by achievements in other overseas markets. British exporters, he said, tended to be slower in adjusting prices to changes in world markets, and in many important fields they seemed to have been losing ground to competitors fairly steadily for two years.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that expansion of exports required more than competitiveness in price, quality and delivery; it also required ability to compete in selling.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Nov. 22. The undertone of the Singapore rubber market has been good during the past week although consuming markets appear to be resisting any advance in prices, said Lewis and Peat in their weekend report.

The leading rubber broker here said the off-take for shipments overseas has been better, particularly in case of lower grades. The turnover on the market has been fair and demand for forward deliveries increasing.

The report made special note of Paul Shaker's "encouraging remarks" on natural rubber in America, and mentions of the reduction in the mandatory synthetic from the 1952 statutory requirement of 450,000 to 200,000 tons.

Mr Shaker is Republican chairman of the committee on return of synthetic industry to private hands.

Admittedly, Lewis and Peat said, it is most unlikely that the United States will use less than 450,000 tons of synthetic "but it does enable factories to make a longer programme for the use of natural rubber which they might hesitate to do if higher mandatory synthetic was in force."—United Press.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

The market was active this morning, with large turnovers in Realities, Lands and Hotels. The morning's business totalled \$91,932,300. Business and noon

**SHARES BUYERS SELLERS**  
DANKS 1520  
INSURANCES 843  
Underwriters 640

**SHIPPING**  
Wharves 8.00 0.5 2400 0.5  
DOCKERS, ETC.  
K. Wharf 21.20 21.5 200 0.2  
Star Ferry 21.20 21.5 200 0.2  
Dock 21.20 21.5 200 0.2

**PROVIDENT** 12.00 12.70 2000 0.7  
L. & C. 0.12 0.13 5000 0.2  
H. & C. 0.12 0.13 5000 0.2

**11K Land** 74 400 0.75  
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**Humphreys** 10.10 10.50 100 0.5  
Really 2.00 2.50 1000 0.5  
Really 2.00 2.50 1000 0.5

**UTILITIES**  
Tram 20.5 20.5 100 0.5  
Star Ferry 21.20 21.5 200 0.2  
C. Light (O) 14.10 14.10 100 0.5

**C. Light (N) 10.20 10.30**  
Electric 20.00 20.10 1000 0.5  
Telephone 25.00 25.10 1000 0.5

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cement 18.00 18.10 1000 0.5  
S. & W. 18.00 18.10 1000 0.5

**STOCKS, ETC.**  
Dairy 23.10 23.20 500 0.5  
Watson 23.10 23.20 500 0.5  
Kwong Sang 23.10 23.20 500 0.5

**COPTONS**  
Ewo 2.20 2.20 500 0.5  
MISCELLANEOUS  
Yangtze 6.10 6.20 500 0.5

## Japan Takes Less Scrap From Malaya

Singapore, Nov. 23. Japan's "choosy" buying and her cutting down of steel production have severely reduced Singapore's once-flourishing scrap metal trade, according to dealers here.

Singapore exported 84,000 tons of scrap metal to Japan last year—a boom year for scrap—but to the end of August this year exports totalled 37,000 tons. The price, then, was \$5120 a ton and has now dropped to \$415.

Japan has now found scrap stocks in India, Indonesia and Indo-China and exports from Singapore are dropping to an average total of 4,000 tons a month for the last three or four months.

Business is expected to continue at its present level.—United Press.

## Duties To Be Increased?

Washington, Nov. 22. The U.S. Tariff Commission today took under advice the question of increasing duties on lead and zinc imports to protect domestic producers.

Just before the Commission completed its public hearings, the New York manager of the Copper and Brass Research Association urged the use of great caution in deciding zinc tariff increase.

He said zinc comprises 23 per cent of the raw materials used by brass mills products.

It would take the Commission several months to reach a decision.

The Commission will make its recommendations to President Eisenhower who has the final say in the matter.—United Press.

## New Trade Drive By The Soviet

Washington, Nov. 21. The Soviet Union has launched a campaign to get an economic toe-hold in South America, and has made some progress, U.S. officials said today.

American experts are not sure of Russia's exact goal but they are seriously concerned about the possible impact on hemispheric solidarity.

The Soviet Union this summer negotiated a trade agreement with Argentina.

It also has bought some non-strategic materials from Uruguay and Brazil and has been trying to get Chile to sell it some highly-priced copper.

Officials think trade between Latin American nations and the Soviet bloc might increase because the U.S. demand for many materials is falling off.

The Communist line for the past two years has pressed strongly for increased trade with South America.

The campaign bore little fruit while the Korean war was under way because of tremendous demands for raw materials produced by its neighbours to the South.

Now that hostilities have stopped, U.S. demand has fallen off, and the South American nations are having trouble finding markets.

So the Soviet Union seizes this opportunity and a campaign has been started again in order to get an economic toe-hold in Latin America.—United Press.

## Western Germany Signs Pact With Iran

Teheran, Nov. 21. Germany, which has just signed a £70,000,000 trade pact with Persia, has beaten the rest of the world in doing business with that country.

In line with her trade policy everywhere else, Germany is granting an ultra long-term credit to the Persians.

Part of the agreement which is not under credit will be covered by a barter pact for Persia's raw materials.

Announcing the agreement, a Persian Government spokesman commented: "In order to raise the industrial potential and the standard of living in the country the Government has decided to do business on a major scale with Germany. The Germans will establish factories in Persia, and Persia will import rolling stock and agricultural equipment."

"Spinning and weaving factories will be set up in addition to sugar refineries and power generator plants."

"German firms have already been contacted and the Persian Government has given permission for contracts to go ahead."

It is just six weeks since the new German Minister arrived in Teheran after Persia ended the state of war between the two countries and re-established diplomatic relations.

But in small ways German firms have for long been trying to break into the Persian market.—London Express Service.

## Stock Market Keeps On Fairly Even Tone

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 21.

After a burst of activity on Monday, when dealings began in the new United Steel shares, the London Stock Exchange settled down to a fairly quiet week.

Fears that the engineering trade unions would call a token strike in protest against rejection of their wage claim was a depressing factor in the industrial market, while the Gil-Edged market was equally subdued as it awaited the result of the Holborn by-election.

Thursday's news that the engineers would indeed stage a 24-hour strike cast gloom over the industrial market just before the week-end. But only scattered selling was reported, and the tone became firmer before the close.

On Friday came the announcement that the Socialists had held Holborn with a slight increase in majority, and this made for cautiousness in the Gil-Edged market. But again selling was small, and the market closed firm.

On balance, losses outweighed gains in both these markets. But the week was not without its bright features. It started with a big turnover in the denationalised United Steel issue, which went to a premium but finished the week at par—and ended with a boomlet in gold developing shares.

**STORES IN DEMAND** Other markets, meanwhile, had their ups and downs. Stores were in demand following the increased interim dividend declared by Marks and Spencer. And Brewsters came back into favour after a spell in the wilderness. The stimulus here was a jump from 20 to 30 percent in the dividend announced by Benskins.

Markets were also helped by brighter dividend news from Unilever Ltd and BSA. But there were losses in Electrical Equipment, Engineering and Textile shares following reports of declining profits from several companies engaged in these industries.

Paradoxically, in a week that saw some recession of recent high levels of industrial and Gil-Edged prices, interest revived in two markets that have recently been depressed.

**KAFFIR MARKET** It is even more paradoxical that one of these should be the Kaffir market, for the past week has also seen the disappearance of the premium on gold sold in the free market. Interest, however, was centred on issues of mines producing or about to produce uranium. The star performer in this section was Randfontein, which gained 5s. to 40s. 6d. on the week.

The Rubber market also emerged from the doldrums, and some notable gains were recorded. The hope here seems to be that the United States may

at last modify its synthetic rubber policy.

Coppers gained ground in the hope that uranium may be developed in the Rhodesian copper belt.

**London Sugar Agreement** A leading sugar expert expressed confidence yesterday that the agreement signed at the recent London sugar conference will operate on the first of the year and that it will function successfully.

Speaking at an informal meeting of members of the sugar trade, Dr Manas, a member of the Cuban Stabilisation Institute, said that the price of world sugar will be held between 3.25 and 4.35 cents a pound beginning next year.

He emphasised that it was unlikely that the sugar agreement would be tested aside after 5 years of effort at the moment that it was about to take force.

Only four exporting countries have not signed the pact while three importing countries remain aloof.

Of the four exporting nations who have not signed, two of them—Indonesia and Peru—are major producers.

Dr Manas said that since Japan—normal purchaser of Indonesian sugar—has signed an importing nation it was probable that Indonesia would be forced to go along with the agreement. Signers of the agreement may import only from countries covered by the treaty.

The world price of sugar may fluctuate within a wide range of 11 cents a pound, Dr Manas said. This is to allow competition among buyers and among the producing nations, he added.—United Press.

**Exchange Rates** Business was done in the local unofficial market at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per 100) 15.00, Hong Kong dollar (per 100) 15.00, Indian rupee (per 100) 15.00, Indonesian guilders (per 100) 15.00, Japanese yen (per 100) 15.00, U.S. dollar (per 100) 15.00, Indo-China piastres (per 100) 15.00.



## ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

An unemployed miner was given three years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane by Judge James Wicks at the Kowloon District Court this morning for robbery with violence.

Defendant, Wu Sui-wing, 27, seeing complainant, a woman named Wat Sui-sang, standing on the landing of the stairway of No. 32, Tung On Street, second floor, on the night of September 30, came up behind her, rubbed pepper in her eyes and face, and attempted to snatch her gold ring off her finger, but failed.

Complainant struggled, and in the struggle, fell to the floor, injuring her left knee. Defendant then took her purse containing \$24 and ran into the street.

A tenant of 32, Tung On Street, second floor, heard the commotion and spotting defendant, he ran after him and arrested him.

At the conclusion of the case, Insp. W. Apps, prosecuting, asked the court to commend Woo Kul for his public spirit. Judge Wicks thanked Woo, and commended him for his good work.

## Junk Owner's Offences

Fines totalling \$180 were imposed by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning on a 38-year-old junk master Yuen Chung when he pleaded guilty to three charges of failing to report the change of the ownership of a junk, failing to renew the junk licence and illegal carriage of petrol.

The prosecution said that while on a routine patrol Sub-insp. A. F. Blair boarded defendant's cargo junk which was anchored in Junk Ko Wan, Lantau Island last Thursday. After a search, Sub-insp. Blair found 12 gallons of petrol on board. On inspecting the junk licence, he discovered that the name of the owner written in the book was Yuen Chat-ko and not that of the defendant. When asked, defendant admitted that he had taken over the junk from the original owner who died 18 months ago without notifying the Marine Department. Sub-insp. Blair also found out on a further investigation that the junk licence had expired on March 31, last year.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Discourteous Clerks

Sir—Before the Salary Commission approves revision of the Government staff's salaries, may I suggest that the said Commission undertake to give some "courtesy training" to all those "counter clerks" stationed at the various permits and licensing departments?

I am requesting this, because a lot of rude and ill-tempered clerks have been picked to perform the duties of "counter clerks" (in receiving, despatching and numbering licences) where they are not fit for that job. The writer has had some personal experiences with those fellows, and some are so ill-tempered that they talk rough and think that they are "big shots"—because everybody has to submit their licence applications through them only.

During 1951/52, it was worse, and this year it seems that there has been some slight improvement, but let's hope for the best in the coming 1954.

By giving these clerks some courtesy lessons, I deeply believe that it will play an important part in lifting the "courtesy standard" of this Colony.

SEYCHELLOIS.

### Tonight's Studio Recital

Maurice Clare, well-known violinist, will be giving a recital from the studios of Radio Hongkong at 8.15 tonight in the series "Artist of the Week." The recital will last for half an hour. The pianist will be Moyra Rae.

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

# Topics Of The Week Were The Heat And City Corruption

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Nov. 20.

The heat and yells about corruption from the City Council have been occupying the headlines this week.

Although the heat topped the century for a couple of days, and the furnace-like winds made the city intolerable, after all, it is November and can be expected. Much the same can be said for the Council's corruption cries. It is November, the City Council elections are on next month—with the people themselves to choose their Lord Mayor for the first time—and so the plan goes more or less to schedule.

It becomes even more apparent when it is remembered that the Lord Mayor this time will be the big shot for the Mayor's Visit and stands a good chance of getting a knighthood in due course.

But at the same time, the Premier, Mr. Cahill, should do more than shrug his shoulders about these corruption allegations. He should not overlook the fact that there have been some pretty serious charges levelled against aldermen and former aldermen of other metropolitan municipalities over the last few months, some of which even now are before the courts.

For better for the Premier to let some light into these corners and end suspicion once and for all.

### NOT SO FUNNY

One of the big laughs of the air for a long time has been the broadcast of Federal Parliament.

Put on "with" many doubts about four years' ago, listening to Parliament became almost a "best seller" overnight. In most homes it became a "must" after the children's serials and Dad and Dave, and according to many critics, provided entertainment to beat them all, if only for the laugh value.

But like all good things, the public now apparently has just about had enough of it, for a Gallup Poll last week showed that the listening audience had dropped to a third in three years.

One of the lost listeners put it like this: "It was all right for a bit of light amusement, but after a while you sort of realised that these jokers were supposed to be running the country, and then it didn't seem so funny."

### LOSING FIGHT

You will remember Lulu, the lioness at Sydney Zoo, who was operated on by two surgeons after considerable cub-birth trouble?

Lulu died at the weekend. But they fought for her to the last. After her collapse oxygen was administered for three hours, but Lulu had passed on.

Her stomach contents have been sent to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for examination. The autopsy revealed that death was due to a ruptured duodenal ulcer.

Which somewhat shatters a long-held belief around here that business, taxation worries and journalism are the only causes of ulcers.

### HOME TRUTHS

It is not often that anyone in anything like an official job in Sydney lets his hair down long enough to speak home truths. People are so used to hearing such smooth pieces like "...the best country in the world...lot to be thankful for...lies with Britain...remember war-torn Europe" that it is like a southerly breeze on a hot day to hear something different.

That is why it was good to listen to Mr. Hal Missingham, Director of the National Art Gallery, come down to earth.

"You can't tell anyone anything in this country because they won't listen," he said. "We are all rugged individualists."

"Sydney shows no sign of social consciousness or civic pride."

"The official attitude probably has something to do with this. Until we can distinguish between a good looking folk and a bad one, or a decent looking bus or an ugly one, we won't make much of this mysterious culture business."

"We must begin in the lower forms of this culture—what I call kitchen culture. But public bodies have no idea of good or bad taste when they order a public building. All

Government publications are appallingly bad, and it is all you can do to fight your way through a newspaper.

"It's all a part of life that we live in this country."

Police claps at the Contemporary Art Society Exhibition, where he was speaking and which he opened.

20,000-MILE JAUNT

An Australian adventurer, Monty Sewell, who says he is only 61, is back in Sydney after a 20,000-mile jaunt around the Pacific.

His journey took him to scores of big and little islands and cost him more than £3,000.

Mostly carried with him more than £800 worth of camping equipment, 15 suits, including a dinner suit, and his three-year-old fox terrier, Paddy. His travelling equipment went into a little trailer which he hauled behind his bike.

He is now planning to penetrate the bamboo curtain and take his bike—and Paddy—into Red China next year.

A Bill to make unionism compulsory in NSW was brought down in Parliament during the week ("A black day for our people," said the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Trent, sorrowfully), and the fight really does promise to be a bitter one, even for politics.

He will be helped by the fact that Cabinet Ministers themselves don't see eye to eye on the move, while—surprisingly—there is strong opposition from some unions.

THE ROYAL CAR

The car which the Queen will use during her Australian visit, which begins in February, is now being assembled in Melbourne. It is a long, black limousine, fitted with two-way radio, cool air circulator and electric heating system, push-button broadcast receiver and intercommunication system, cigar and cigarette lighter and powder compact pigeon hole.

This car is one of 16 now being prepared for the Royal Visit and which are housed in canvas "dust-proof" rooms to keep them from getting scratched.

SCHOOLBOY'S PLEA

A cry from the heart: A schoolboy in a NSW country town has written this letter to the Prime Minister.

Mozley Dear Sir—I am writing this petition from First year. We all dislike geometry. It's just that some of us find it too difficult. One or two of the brains of the class manage to learn it but most of us find it a waste of time.

"Sir, our petition is: Cut out geometry. Some people may want to learn it, but have it as an unusual subject, like Greek."

Mr. Menzies commented: "Nobody understands this lad better than I do since I was very poor at geometry myself. But subsequently in politics, I have had to get to know quite a few angles."

For the first time, Tooths Brewery, Sydney, this year made a profit, exceeding £1-million.

The company's increased profit for the year was more than £500,000 on the previous year's trading. Dividend has been raised from 15 per cent to 15½ per cent.

RAILWAY PLAN

Cost of standardising the railway line from Perth to Brisbane—going through Broken Hill and by-passing Victoria—is officially estimated at £30-million.

Although thousands of miles is involved only 1,000 miles of standard rail would be needed to link up with what already exists—and at present the Government considers £30-million for 600 miles of line too much.

If the link up was made, diesel trains could travel from Perth to Brisbane in less than three days while today it takes just on four days to cross the Central Australian desert.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom served tea, but her bridge club always has cocktails—somebody nice must have been here!"

## "Mute Of Malice" Verdict By Jury

A unanimous verdict of "mute of malice" was returned by a jury of four men and three women before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the Jury was empanelled to decide whether a 25-year-old man, Tsui Muk-li, arraigned on a charge of murder, was "mute of malice" or "mute by visitation of God."

Mr Justice Reece, in his summing up to the Jury, said that the Jury was not called to determine the insanity of the accused but to decide whether accused was deliberately refusing to answer and pretending to be mute or whether he was an unfortunate dumb and deaf person.

Tsui had to be supported by two prison wardens inside the Dock when the hearing commenced. His eyes were closed and paid no attention to the clerk who called his name.

When he was told to sit down on the bench inside the Dock, he crumpled and fell to the floor, and acted in like manner when he was put back on the bench again.

Subsequently, Mr Justice Reece told the wardens to leave the accused lying on the floor. While on the floor, the accused clasped his hands together as if in prayer and closed his eyes.

Mr R. W. S. Winter (J.P.) instructed by Mr. Y. Yang (J.P.) told the Court that he had not been able to get instructions from the accused at all. Following the verdict delivered, he applied for an adjournment until tomorrow morning to get instructions from the accused.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution.

The case was then adjourned to tomorrow.

At the hearing on the issues of whether accused was "mute of malice" or "mute by visitation of God," three doctors were called to testify. As accused was lying on the floor in the dock, the doctors had to enter the dock to identify the accused as the patient they had examined.

NORMAL REPLIES

Dr C. O. Li, Medical Officer of Stanley Prison testified that the accused was transferred to the Prison Hospital on May 26, and was under his care until July 17. During that period, witness had seen accused every day and from his observation, the accused had replied in the normal way and had not done anything strange. He answered questions coherently.

In his opinion, the accused was quite normal mentally although he was a man of poor intelligence.

Cross-examined, witness said he had seen accused at the committal proceedings before a magistrate at the beginning of this month, and the accused had then acted in a similar manner as he was now.

He agreed with Mr. Winter that the accused was a man of little intelligence and was very excitable by nature but he would not say that accused was imbecile.

Further questioned, witness said he was not a psychiatrist.

## FISHING BOAT STRANDED

Manila, Nov. 23.

A Japanese vessel with 20 men aboard was stranded at Cumimao town in Ilocos Norte Province in northern Luzon on Sunday, the Philippine News Service reported today.

The 30-ton fishing vessel, Umikake Maru, was verified by constabulary investigators as carrying proper navigation papers issued by the United States Civil Administration on Ryukyu Island to fish in the Ryukyu Island Group for 90 days.

The skipper of the stranded vessel, Eichi Tomore, said that the ship, after having been buffeted by Typhoon Cora, ran out of supplies and they were forced to land at Cumimao.

The constabulary took the Okinawa crew into custody and gave them food and quarters—France-Press.

# Man Accused Of Throwing Nitric Acid At Woman

Accused of having poured nitric acid on his paramour, a 37-year-old broker, Tang Shuen-kei, faced trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice Scholes and a jury of seven men.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, prosecuting, said that the woman, Chan Lai-king, had been familiar with the accused for some three years and from time to time lived with him at various hotels and boarding-houses.

About the time when the alleged offence occurred, the woman and the accused had been on bad terms, having frequent quarrels and in fact the most recent quarrel took place on the day the acid was thrown, on September 8.

The accused and the woman met at about 4 p.m. that day and quarrelled and that evening while she was walking along Hollywood Road she felt some liquid thrown on to her back.

She felt a burning sensation. On turning round she saw the accused running away.

Later that evening the woman noticed her clothing was stained so she washed it. She also found certain blisters on her leg and went to seek medical attention. The doctor found them to be second degree burns.

Mr Mayne said that the accused was arrested at his home after the woman had made a report to the Police. He took the Police party to a place not far from Hollywood Road and from a gutter the Police retrieved a small bottle which the Government chemist found to contain a few drops of nitric acid.

LAW EXPLAINED

Explaining the law to the Jury, Mr Mayne said that if they found that the accused did throw the acid on the woman, they would have little difficulty in coming to the conclusion that he intended to "burn, maim, disfigure or to do grievous bodily harm" to the woman as the charge alleged. It was not necessary for the Crown to prove that the woman, in fact, suffered injury. All that was necessary was that the Jury should be satisfied as to the intention at the time the accused threw the acid.

Dr T. C. Pang, Police surgeon, who examined the accused the morning after his arrest said that he had brownish stains on his hands and nails. Clippings of three nails were taken for analysis.

STRONG ACID

Government chemist, Mr E. Collins, said that the small glass tube found in the gutter contained a small quantity of strong nitric acid. The nail clippings of the accused were contaminated with the acid while the woman's jacket also had acid. Her trousers were stained but showed only an indefinite reaction to the test for nitric acid.

Det. Sub-insp. Fung Loi told of the arrest of the accused, the finding of the tube in the gutter in Tai Ping Shan Street about five minutes' walk from Hollywood Road, and the charging of the accused who wrote his own statement.

Dr Ng Cheuk-kee, who examined the complainant at Queen Mary Hospital, said there was an area of second degree burns on her leg, which in his opinion were caused by corrosive acid.

The complainant, Chan, a widow of 195 Hollywood Road, said she had known the defendant for over three years, and was on close terms with him. From time to time she stayed with him at various hotels and boarding-houses. In September this year they used to quarrel sometimes and during those quarrels the defendant would use abusive language.

Chan said that on September 8 she met the defendant in the afternoon and they quarrelled, he calling her a prostitute. She left and he followed her to a rice-shop where they quarrelled again before he left her.

The case is continuing.

## Troopship Here

The troopship, HMT Cheshire (10623 tons), arrived this morning from the United Kingdom with normal replacement troops for Hongkong. She is due to return to the United Kingdom this weekend.

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## From the Files 100 Years Ago

We hear there has been a mutiny on board the Flag-ship. It seems that, on Tuesday last, the men, who have not had liberty for eighteen months, sent in a petition on the subject to Admiral Fellow, who immediately ordered the ship to be put ready for sea. In the evening there was a noise below, when the drum was beat to quarters, and some of the men refused to come on deck; upon which the officers were ordered to compel them at the point of the sword, and in doing so several of the men were severely wounded.

CRICKET MATCH

An interesting match at Cricket (the 59th Regiment v. All China) came off on the Parade Ground on Saturday. The 59th went in first, and after twenty overs the last wicket was bowled down, leaving a score of 17—twenty-eight of which were byes. The All China, by steady batting, run up their score to 82—five of which only were byes. The Second Innings proved highly exciting, the 59th having counted only 32; while their opponents, one after another were caught or bowled out, till with only one wicket remaining, the All China were declared winners.

## REGATTA

When last week's paper went to press, the Third day's Regatta had barely finished, and we were unable to furnish any account of that day's Chinese Races, which however we are now enabled to supply. Besides the regular sports, some good matches came off betwixt the boats of the man-of-war; and a scratch match was made up betwixt the seamen and the soldiers of the 59th Regiment, in which, to Jack's intense surprise and annoyance, the latter proved victorious, though probably the boat-builders had more to do than the pullers with the winning of the race.

## THIRD DAY, THURSDAY

1. One-masted sailing Sampans—1st Boat to receive \$10, Second \$7. Three started, and after a pretty and close race, No. 582 came in first, and No. 340 second.

2. Sailing Gigs.—1st Boat to receive \$8. Second Boat \$5. Three started for this race also. No. 525 proved the winner, and \$30 second.

A Scratch Race between 6-oared Gigs, with some private matches, and a laughable Duck-hunt, concluded the sports. As mentioned in our last issue, the Victoria Regatta Ball—came off on Thursday, and the Hongkong Chinese Regatta Ball on Friday—both well attended; at the former the ladies it is strangely said, outnumbering the men; and at the latter, the male bipes in the rooms were as three to one of the fair sex; while at the latter dancing was kept up with much spirit and hilarity till morning was far advanced.

BUILDING COLLAPSE

Just as the P. & O. steamer Canton was getting under weigh from opposite the factories at Canton on Tuesday afternoon, the new building intended as a Masonic Lodge, Billiard Room, and Boat House, was observed to fall in. As a number of Chinese were at work upon the roof and on the parts of the building at the time, some serious accidents occurred, but fortunately no lives lost.

We have been requested to intimate that the Picnic Cottage at Hongkong is now in fair order, for the use of the subscribers; but beyond a table, a dozen of chairs, a couch or two, and some miscellaneous crockery, excursionists must carry with them all else they require.

## Woman Dies From Wounds

A 62-year-old woman, Tam Luk-sum, was found at about 10 a.m. today in her house at 72 Nga Tsin Wan Road suffering from serious wounds to the head.

She was immediately rushed to the Kowloon Hospital, but died on the way.

It was reported that three men had been seen in the premises a little earlier, one armed with a pistol, and two with daggers. After Tam Luk-sum had been taken to the hospital, it was discovered that a four-inch gold necklace, valued at \$1,200, a wrist watch, valued at \$500, and some cash were missing.

No arrests have yet been made.